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## Memorial

At left, representatives of all of the area veterans' groups raise the American and POW/MIA flags in front of the Greater Granite City War Memorial on Memorial Day. Above, Boy Scouts from Troop 12 place flags on the graves of veterans buried at St. John's Cemetery. Star Scouts and first-class Scouts placed flags near one of the markers.

## HOME project is a beginning

Groundbreaking is held for Vintage Gardens

By Scott Kelly  
Staff writer

A communitywide effort to bring affordable senior housing to Granite City culminated in an official groundbreaking Thursday.

**GRANITE CITY** Various city, county and state officials joined HOME Foundation leaders to break ground for Vintage Gardens Apartments at 24th and Adams streets. The senior rental community is the first such complex to be built in Granite City for more than 20 years.

HOME Foundation, a locally-based nonprofit agency, works to expand affordable housing opportunities in the Granite City area. HOME's latest project will provide 26 rental apartments for seniors on modest incomes. Construction is expected to be completed by November.

Amid the deserving praise given for all those involved in the project's inception, much credit was given to Lance Callis, HOME's co-project developer, along with Ron Siern.

"More than once we thought this project would die because the hurdles were too high, but there were no hurdles too high for Lance Callis," said Skip Butler of Terra Properties, a real estate property management firm specializing in affordable rental units.

"This is a community project, and not a commercial project," Callis said. "Without the cooperation and involvement of all levels of government — from the

"This is a community situation that I think will help the elderly, the older, mature adults and make the quality of life better — which we all strive to do; otherwise we wouldn't be in government."

Lance Callis

federal down to the various alderman and their committees down to the city inspector — none of this would have been possible."

There were too many people involved who lent a hand for Callis to name them individually, but he said he hoped Vintage would be a beginning of renewed building in Granite City.

"This is a community situation that I think will help the elderly, the older, mature adults and make the quality of life better — which we all strive to do; otherwise we wouldn't be in government," he said.

Praise was also given to HOME's president, Ruth Noeth, who was unable to attend Thursday.

"(She has) been very involved in providing low-income housing... several blocks from here, right across

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## Village plans business park development

Initial plans for a new business park development in Pontoon Beach were presented to the Village Board Tuesday.

**PONTOON BEACH** Architect Joe Mannisi of Mannisi & Associ. in Edwardsville had asked approval to subdivide the property, located on Crescent Industrial Drive off Highway 111.

The 10-acre property is being developed by Ben Warren, and would be subdivided into seven lots.

Mannisi said the cost of developing the property is estimated at about \$250,000. Lots would then be sold to individual

builders. The plans shown to the board included several buildings in the 7,500-square-foot range.

Mannisi said the development would be used primarily for professional office space and small warehouse distribution.

"They have some very interested parties," he said. He said they hope to get approval and begin construction soon.

"We're to get started on the construction documents for the roads and utilities," Mannisi said. "I think this will go fairly quickly, the next 30 or 60 days."

Mannisi said easy accessibil-

ity is one of the biggest reasons Warren wanted to develop the land.

"He believes that stretch along Pontoon Beach is a good location," Mannisi said.

He said everything in the proposal fits the village's zoning except in one lot where they cannot meet the requirements for 20-foot rear and side yards.

For that portion he said they would be seeking a variance.

The board approved allowing the property to be subdivided, but Trustee Lou Whitsett said there would have to be a Zoning Board hearing on any variances.

In other business, the board approved three business licenses.

Approved were a request by Michael Marcum for a license for a self-service car wash and laundry — an existing business — at 4010 Pontoon Road; a request by Rodney Wortham for Winner's Circle Race Team Store at 4020 Pontoon Road; and a business license request by Kim Benda for "Cutting Edge" to sell "food and drugs" at the Hard Body Gym, 3692 Hwy. 111.

The request had been tabled from the last meeting because several trustees wanted more information about what would be sold.

Benda, who was at Tuesday's meeting, said she would be selling "all natural" items.

## EPA hearings this week

Environmental Protection Agency cleanup efforts have become part of the routine in the Granite City area. Now, the EPA wants to hear concerns from the public and assist in

improving public health. Two "availability sessions" are scheduled that allow residents to informally

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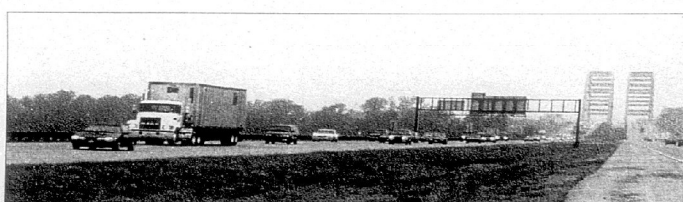
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## Bridge trouble shows need for new one

The headaches that have plagued Metro East commuters since the eastbound Highway 40 approach to the Poplar Street Bridge closed May 18 could continue through July, but an Illinois Department of Transportation official said the situation has illustrated the importance of building a new bridge across the Mississippi River.

On May 18, an eastbound truck exiting Interstate 70 onto the Poplar Street Bridge struck a bridge column that supported the eastbound Interstate 64 (Highway 40) lanes. The lanes have since been closed to Illinois-bound traffic while the Missouri Department of Transportation makes repairs.

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The Jefferson Barracks Bridge — which links south St. Louis County with Monroe County — has become a long route home for many Metro East residents who typically take the Poplar Street Bridge.

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# Opinions



## First and 10: Illinois politicians don't play fair

Politics often is compared to a sport. But, if it really were its own sport, we could slap the players with penalties.

**Intentional grounding**  
As I write this, Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan is claiming that Illinois Senate President Pate Philip is trying to kill a sweeping campaign reform bill. Philip wants to add a provision to the bill to change the date of the 2000 primary to mid-September. The House has shot down another over the years, and Madigan says this time would be no different. Philip's motives are probably more innocent than Madigan claims. He truly wants to move the primary and he probably sees this as his best shot at reaching his goal.

Philip believes moving the primary to the fall will cut down on the money spent on campaigns because the election season will be shortened to just six weeks. But, the campaign reform bill that he wants to attach his idea to has been negotiated carefully over the past several months, and his members could take some serious heat if his move ends up killing the much-needed proposal.

**Delay of game**  
It's been the practice in the Illinois House for the minority party to try and tie up the proceedings. The House Republicans are carrying on that tradition this spring.



Rich Miller

Throughout the session, the Repubs have debated relatively insignificant bills for what seems like an eternity. The idea is to run the clock out on the majority party to prevent it from passing its entire agenda. The minority doesn't have a lot of power, so stalling is one of the few ways to flex its muscles. It's excruciating to watch, but fairly effective.

### Personal foul

Politicians aren't the only ones who commit fouls in Springfield. Interest groups do, too.

Most of the state's middle-aged public school teachers are focused on only one issue these days: early retirement. These people have spent the last 25 years in stuffy rooms full of bratty kids, and they want out RIGHT NOW. So they're trying to move an early retirement bill through the state legislature. And they are mad as heck that all the money their unions regularly spend on elections hasn't bought them their freedom yet. The Senate passed the \$115

million early retirement bill almost unanimously several weeks ago. The Senate Republicans were trying to get back on the teachers' good side after killing the governor's school funding bill last spring.

House Speaker Madigan has said he will support Gov. Jim Edgar on the budget. This strategy has allowed Madigan to pass the buck to Edgar when interest groups demand more money. Edgar has not made up his mind about the teacher retirement plan, but he appears to be leaning against it.

The teacher unions have seen through Madigan's little game, and they've decided to put pressure on him directly. If Madigan won't support the retirement plan until Edgar does, then he'll have to face the consequences. The Illinois Federation of Teachers and the Chicago Federation of Teachers have been some of Madigan's strongest supporters. But, the two unions boycotted Madigan's annual Springfield fund-raiser the other day over the pension issue.

Another teachers union, the Illinois Education Association, recently held a Springfield rally. An anti-Madigan speech was given and the teachers were then unleashed on the Statehouse for a day of citizen lobbying.

Many of them angrily stomped over to Madigan's office. They crowded in the

Speaker's outer lobby and began loudly demanding that his receptionist give them an immediate personal audience with them.

A member of Madigan's staff came out to claim the situation and he was immediately surrounded by the angry mob.

A belligerent woman who was in obvious need of an early retirement plan grabbed him way too tightly by the arm and berated him.

Another protester demanded the staffer's name and then looked up the guy's salary on a computer printout, and pointed out that the staffer made several thousand dollars a year more than he did after over 20 years of teaching.

Basically, the teachers made complete fools of themselves.

But, in sports sometimes it's necessary to commit a few fouls, and the IEA did demonstrate to Madigan just how upset members really are about this issue. Imagine what all of that angry energy could do to Madigan's vulnerable incumbents this fall.

(Rich Miller is an independent journalist who covers government issues for the Illinois Press Association.)

## May O' Blue Eyes rest in peace and the world roll on

As I write this, the evening news is showing bits and pieces of the final rites for O' Blue Eyes, and, because the services were invitation only, quick shots of Those Who Count entering and leaving the church. And that's OK. Last Friday, I was running late (as usual) and, eager to get on the road, tossed the morning paper in the back seat (and, as it turned out, there was no mention of Sinatra's death in it anyway). Never mind; long before I got on I-70 the car radio apprised me of the death of the 82-year-old Chairman of the Board. Sinatra sang after song. Most of which were numbers I liked the least.

Don't misunderstand. I was of the generation who fell head over heels for the slim, seemingly shy then-young Blue Eyes, first during his years as a vocalist with Harry James and Tommy Dorsey and later, the concert years. I was no bobby-soxer and never swooned, but that seductive light baritone of the young Frank hooked me together with those who did.

His middle years were good, too. The years of a more mature voice and a development of a style which no one seemingly could rival. For my taste, the less said about his singing appearances after the early '80's, the better.

But on a personal level, somewhere along the way I became decidedly disenchanted with Sinatra. Probably about the time women became "broads" in his life. The days of his leadership of the sycophantic "Rat Pack." His brawls with reporters and verbal abuse of those who disagreed with him, Charm turned arrogant.

According to the reams of newspaper his death has generated, Steve Allen phrased best my own sentiments when he was quoted as saying, "He



Carol Clarkin

was representative of a day when American lyrics were coherent and civilized and clever. And when there was glorious melody characterizing most of our popular songs. And he was the number one salesman of that kind of material."

However, at the risk of committing lese majesty, I'd like to suggest that as an icon of some sort, Sinatra was a pretty poor choice. And further, that the press (not for the first time) has indulged in overkill and are again engaging in "celebrity journalism." Sensationalism. Trivia. Gossip. Sentimentalism.

During the days following Sinatra's death, a number of truly important stories have been covered comparatively modest coverage. India's admission that one of their five nuclear blasts was an H-bomb. Increased support from world leaders for ratification of Northern Ireland's peace agreement. Fire risks from Central America to Texas caused by farmers clearing their lands by burning undergrowth and grass. To mention just a few.

If Sinatra's death results in a boom of sales of his old albums and movies videos, that's fine. Let some of the younger listeners get acquainted with what a lot of us consider some fine pop music. And even a couple of good movies. And let O' Blue Eyes rest in peace.

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## Weather, market trends frustrate farmers

In case you didn't notice... The last couple of weeks we finally had a chance to get into the field and get started on some field work in the metro area. The fields are still too wet in some areas.

If it was the middle of April you would not see farmers working the soil at these levels. But it is not April or even May it is now nearly the first week of June and time is running out for the corn crop to be planted. The experts feel we are at the point where the yields on corn have already been affected especially on the later planted fields.

Last week the USDA came out with their first Fall '98 crop projections report. The corn planting has not even



David Schumacher

been completed and they are already projecting yields. This may be pushing it a little but the USDA has ways of tabulating such figures.

The projection numbers, right or wrong, look like this: For the corn crop they are

projecting near-record production at 9.64 billion bushels; and for soybeans 2.8 billion.

These numbers, even though they are large, did not come as any real surprise to the market. The figure that traders on the CBOT are concerned about are what we call the carry-over numbers, or the amount of a particular commodity we carry over from one harvest to another. This year they are expecting the bushels carried to double on corn and better than triple on soybeans in just two years.

Here comes the bad news:

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**By Scott Cousins**  
Staff writer

Since then, village building inspectors said Freda Brockman, the owner of Cottonwood Mobile Home Park, has begun improvements.

At the time, he said he planned to improve and expand the park, which had older trailers and lots that

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**By Scott Kelly**  
Staff writer

\$330 million available for the next fiscal year, Balen said.

**Steve Balen**  
superintendent

The first project would be adding additional classrooms to Grigsby Middle School, so

"The big thing we're keeping an eye on is the slow but steady decline in population.

**By Nicole Vaughn**  
Staff writer

Before exiting the interstate, Moore said, the chase went through some traffic, causing the suspect to weave in and out of lanes and on and off the shoulder of the road.

"It's like he vanished into thin air," Starks said. "I'm just shocked. We're trying to figure out what would have taken him to the

the child and that left (the mother's family on pins and needles this past month," Stark said.

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**By Nicole Vaughn**  
Staff writer

Tony Bucaro believes 18-year-olds are mature enough to make a lot of decisions for themselves.

**COLLINSVILLE**

Bucaro said they should be able to come into his shop, whether or not they can get a tattoo. But, last week, the Collinsville City Council

At its meeting last Monday, the council voted unanimously in favor of a measure that would prohibit anyone under 21 from being in a tattoo parlor, unless they work there.

Bucaro owns Tai-2 Tony's, 620 W. Main St.

He got his own tattoos starting at age 14 and has been a tattoo artist for 22 years. He said he wants to change both the state's and the

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# Fredbird hosts birthday parties

By Barbara Ponder

Children take center field before Cardinal home games this year during Fredbird-hosted birthday parties.

"It's a lot of cake eating, a lot of soda drinking and lot of fun for the kids," said Joe Strohm, director of Cardinals group sales.

Fredbird's Birthday Bash, for children ages 15 and under, began this year prompted by requests from fans that Busch Stadium be opened for birthday parties, said Shawn Bertani, association manager of community relations for the St. Louis Cardinals.

"A lot of parents are Cardinals fans, and they always have an interest in enjoying Cardinals baseball," Bertani said. "I think they then think about sharing that interest with their children. We find Cardinals fans in families goes back generations."

Strohm said the children's birthday parties, at \$15 per person, are a family entertainment bargain.

"Where at some birthday parties the parents will drop their children off, here you see a lot of the other parents staying," Strohm said. "I think it makes the birthday kid feel extra special."

The parties, for groups of 10 or more people, include invitations, entertainment, food and birthday cake in the center field children's area.

Each child receives a terrace reserved seat for the baseball game following the party and a picture of Fredbird. The birthday child



Fredbird will be welcoming youngsters to birthday parties at Busch Stadium.

receives a Fredbird doll and special recognition on the left field scoreboard during the game.

Fredbird came to life in

1978. "Team mascots were

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# Farmers frustrated

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What will the crop be worth to farmers if they get it planted and harvested? The USDA projects a season average on soybeans to be around \$5.75 per bushel, the lowest in 10 years. The corn market could fall to the \$2 mark or lower, as the USDA average is expected to come in around the 2.06 mark. That is down from the 1997 average of \$2.40-\$2.50.

The thing to remember is that these figures are all based on projections, charts and past history. The USDA will conduct field surveys in June and July and then come out with a yield-based estimate.

So what does this all mean? Well, if you are a consumer it means your food will probably remain relatively cheap as we go through 1998 and early 1999. What happens to the farmers in the mean time if these projections hold up?

By the year 2000 we could

start to see the effects of these prices as farmers turn to other crops — possibly specialty crops — to help supplement their income, if this happens we could see the availability of our food supplies slowly diminish from the markets.

USDA Secretary Dan Glickman has asked for help for the farmers during these trying times. Yet Glickman ran into Senate Agriculture chairman Richard Lugar, who opposes the "temporary fixes" in the federal farm policy sought by the USDA.

June is National Dairy Month, so if you run into a dairy cow give her a big kiss to show your appreciation for all she does to make your life a healthy one.

David Schumacher is the farm director for 550 KTRS AM radio in St. Louis. His e-mail address is farmguy@juno.com.

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## Obituaries

### Philip Bast Sr.

PHILIP J. "BOB" BAST SR., 81, of Herrin, formerly of Edwardsville, died Wednesday, May 27, 1998, at St. Louis University Hospital.

Mr. Bast was born Sept. 1, 1916, in Edwardsville. He was retired from Illinois Terminal Railroad as an engineer, and a member of the St. Boniface, and Civilian Conservation Corps in Michigan.

Survivors include his daughter, Maryalene Lewis of Granite City; seven sons, Daniel Bast and David Bast, both of Granite City, Dennis Bast of St. Louis, Stephen Bast Sr. of Vandalia, Phillip Bast Jr. of Collinsville, Kenny Bast of Mitchell and Dean Bast of Madison; one sister, Mary Guade of Edwardsville, 20 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Harriet (Hubach) Bast; father, Frank Bast; mother, Barbara Burger; one son; two sisters; and one brother.

Services were Saturday, May 30, at Mater Funeral Home in Edwardsville, with the Rev. John Conrath officiating. Burial was in St. Boniface Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to the St. Louis University Hospital Intensive Care Stroke Unit.

### John Von Nida Sr.

JOHN J. VON NIDA SR., 74, of Granite City died Thursday, May 28, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mr. Von Nida was born Sept. 3, 1923, in Cairo. He was retired from the Granite City Post Office as a postal clerk, and was a member of the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church and Eagles Lodge #1126, and owner and operator of Von Nida Janitor Service. He was also a U.S. Navy WW II veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Naomi (Smith) Von Nida; three sons, John Von Nida Jr. of Granite City, Mark Cordell and Kelly Cordell, both of St. Louis; two daughters, Phyllis Fowler of St. Louis, and Laura Surman of Cape Coral, Fla.; one brother, Chris Von Nida of Granite City; two sisters, Irma Bagdy of Mascoutah, and Shirley Siminella of Cleveland, Ohio; his mother, Julia (McCombs) Von Nida of Mascoutah; and three grandchildren, Edwards Fowler, Jennifer Von Nida, and Erin Von Nida.

He was preceded in death by his father, Chris Von Nida; first wife, Nora Von Nida; infant child; and one daughter, Diana Davis.

Services were Saturday, May 30, at Werner Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Frances Tebequans officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hills Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

### Edward Janek Sr.

EDWARD P. JANEK SR., 73, of Granite City died at 4:40 p.m. Thursday, May 28, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mr. Janek was born Aug. 12, 1924, in Granite City. He was a retired meat cutter at Otto Buer Grocery and Gionko's. He was a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus Council 1088, AHWETS Post 204, Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge 222 Amalgamated, and the 524.

Survivors include his children, Carmen Schwartz of Granite City, Robert Janek of St. Louis, and Edward Janek Jr. of Glen Carbon; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Cecilia (Woyniowski) Janek; parents, John and Anna (Povukic) Janek; two brothers, John and Henry Janek; and two sisters, Mary Toth and Elizabeth Jakupcic.

Visitation will be 5 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, May 31, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City.

Services will be 9 a.m. Monday, June 1, at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2605 Washington Avenue, Granite City, with the Rev. Bill Fisherkeller officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the Cancer Society.

### Blaine Barr

BLAINE B. BARR, 83, of Madison died Wednesday, May 27, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mr. Barr was born March 5, 1915, in Madison. He was retired from Conco as a heat treat operator, and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Madison and Rose Hill Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Betty (Webb) Barr; two sons, Victor Barr of Creve Coeur, and Ralph Barr of St. Louis; one daughter, Judy Barr of St. Louis; five grandchildren, Suzanne Barr, Nathan Barr, and Matt Barr; and one great-grandchild, Gabriela Dorman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Emma (Wells) Barr; and three brothers, John, Delmae, and McConnell Barr.

Services were Friday, May 29, at Werner Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Bill Owens officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hills Memorial Estates.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church in Madison.

### Hubert Wendel

HUBERT W. WENDEL, 73, of Kimmick, Mo., formerly of Granite City, died Thursday, May 27, 1998, at Desoto Nursing Home in Desoto, Mo.

Mr. Wendel was born June 6, 1924, in St. Louis. He was retired from Union Electric as an operator, and a member of the Knights of Columbus, and a U.S. Army/Air Force WW II veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret (Shanley) Wendel; two sons, Kenneth Wendel of Antonio, Mo., and David Wendel of Cape Girardeau, Mo.; one daughter, Leonard Wendel of Granite City; one sister, Frances Wendel of Granite City; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Clara (Sals) Wendel; one brother, Frank Wendel; and sister, Dorothy Burlich.

Services were Saturday, May 30, at St. Joseph Church in Kimmick, Mo., with the Rev. Sigmond Ottling officiating. Burial was in Shepherds Hill Cemetery in Arnold, Mo.

Memorials may be made to the Maes.

Werner Chapel handled the arrangements.

## 4th member of 'New Order' plans to change plea to guilty

By Paul A. Brinkmann  
Telegraph staff writer

Yet a fourth man in the alleged "New Order" weapons conspiracy has declared his intention to plead guilty, while prosecutors proceed with trial preparations for the alleged trigger man of the group.

Daniel Rick, 19, of Leesburg, Ohio, filed a motion Tuesday in federal court to change his plea from not guilty to guilty. A hearing was set in Rick's case for 11 a.m. Friday. Rick is charged with illegally possessing and selling a fully automatic machine gun. The FBI has alleged that he was involved in selling weapons to members of the alleged New Order conspiracy, which was allegedly led by white supremacist Dennis McGuffin of Wood River.

McGuffin and co-defendants Ralph P. Bock, 28, of Jersey County and Glenn L. Lowtharp, 20, of Rockford, have all pleaded guilty to similar weapons charges.

The fifth man, Wallace S. Weicherding, 64, of Salem, still maintains his innocence of the charges. Federal prosecutors issued a superseding indictment against Weicherding last week.

The new indictment charges that

Weicherding conspired to obtain unregistered firearms and that he actually possessed an illegal 5.56mm Pack West Arms Commando rifle, which had been redesigned to shoot in automatic mode.

It also alleges that Weicherding "directed a fellow member of the New Order to drive with him to a bank he planned on robbing in Washington County within the Southern District of Illinois."

The new indictment does not mention previous allegations that Weicherding came to Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville in January armed with a gun to see civil rights attorney Morris Dees' speech. Weicherding allegedly planned to kill Dees.

Weicherding is the only member of the group to be released from jail pending final disposition.

He is confined to his home in Salem with electronic monitoring after paying a \$10,000 bond.

Weicherding said by phone Friday that he was under a gag order and could not discuss the case.

He said he was unaware of the new indictment. His attorney is federally-appointed public defender Renee E. Schooley.

## Clark Refinery oil tanks ignite

By Paul A. Brinkmann  
Telegraph staff writer

HARTFORD — Four oil tanks ignited at Clark Refining and Marketing Inc.'s Hartford Refinery at 1:40 p.m. Tuesday, creating a towering pillar of black smoke for two hours.

Plant officials were working the "fire watch." She received second-degree burns.

Plant Manager Porrett Lauder said the incident could have been much worse if the woman hadn't alerted other employees working in a nearby tank.

"She banged on the tank and told them to get out," Lauder said. "By the time they exited the other side, flames were already in the tank."

Irwin said Clark's own fire brigade was aided by firefighters and equipment from Equilon Enterprises' Wood River Refinery (formerly Shell).

Fire crews used foam to douse the flames and water to keep nearby tanks cool.

The fire was extinguished about 4 p.m., Irwin said. Clark notified the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Madison County Local Emergency Planning Committee.

IEPA spokesman Dennis McMurray said a state technician took air quality readings near the smoke of the fire. Burnt oil, or petroleum hydrocarbons, were measured at 1.8 parts

"I thought it was a tornado at first. I heard the sirens and looked out my window. I ran outside to get my daughter."

Monica Johnson

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per million, which he said was relatively low.

"At least based on preliminary results, we doubt there's cause for concern," McMurray said.

Lauder said he was unable to give a dollar amount for damage to the refinery. The four rented tanks were property of Baker Tanks of South Roxana. Triad was being used by Clark for "slop" or excess oil processing work, Lauder said.

The fire burned in the tank farm area in the western side of the refinery near the wastewater treatment system.

Hartford officials were warning residents to leave the area as one point and closed off Hawthorne Street, a major east-west thoroughfare running south of the refinery.

Clark officials told Hartford police later in the afternoon that there was no reason to close the street and requested that it be opened.

The other injured workers at the refinery suffered from a dislocated shoulder, stepping on a nail and heat exhaustion, Lauder said.

## Purse may help solve mystery

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

A Collinsville man who more than three years ago returned a stolen purse may help

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Collinsville police solve a home invasion case — a crime police say could have been committed by the "South Side rapist."

St. Louis authorities were joining Collinsville police Friday at the site of a Clay School Road where the purse — taken from an elderly West

Friday, May 28, during a 1994 home invasion — was discovered. It was found about two months after the crime by the man while he was walking his dog.

Collinsville Police Detective Sgt. Dave Roth said, "Roth said the man, who is in his early 50s, does not wish to be identified."

The purse was taken from the woman's residence Nov. 2, 1994, police said. While the woman was attacked, she was not sexually assaulted, Roth said. The crime occurred just days after an 82-year-old woman was raped, and roughly a mile away from her home. DNA tests confirmed in

1996 that the 82-year-old woman was a victim of the "South Side rapist."

"We don't know if there's a connection or not (between the two attacks)," Roth said. "It's not something we can definitely say is the case, but we're not ruling it out either."

Roth said it is possible that the woman attacked on Nov. 2 was an intended victim of the serial rapist, who may have been interrupted.

The purse, which contained only personal papers and a photograph, was returned to the victim's daughter about two months later by the unidentified man. Its contents still were inside.

The man told the victim's daughter that the purse had been buried under some rocks. Police had been searching for the man during the past few weeks. They located him Thursday afternoon while canvassing the Clay School neighborhood.

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## Michigan trip to be offered

The Granite City Park District's four-day excursion for July will be July 14 thru 17 and titled, "Meander Thru Michigan".

After an early morning getaway from the Wilson Park Ice Rink, the group will travel North to Battle Creek, Mich., for a tour of the brand-new Kellogg's Cereal City, U.S.A. The attraction, scheduled to open in June 1998, will be a walk through time in the cereal industry and is promised to be even better than factory tours of years ago.

After the tour, dinner will be at Schuler's Restaurant, a traditional longtime eating establishment in that area.

Lodging for the three nights will be at the Hampton Inn in Lansing and will be the hub of the remaining activities. A day will be spent seeing the sights of the capital and will include a tour of the chassis division of the Oldsmobile plant, the recently opened Michigan Historical Museum, Michigan State University's Dairy Plant and Store, the MSU Horticultural Demonstration Gardens and a guided tour of Lansing. On day three, the coach will head to Frankenmuth, "Michigan's Little Bavaria," that takes pride in preserving its German ethic.

The little town includes pretzel, cheese and sausage factories, woolen mills, an operating flour mill, as well as over 100 quaint gift shops and attractions. The day's highlights should be a visit to Bronner's Christmas Wonderland, the world's largest Christmas store with five acres under one roof, followed by one of the town's famous family style chicken dinners at Zehnder's Restaurant. In addition to a guided tour of the area and a special visit to the woolen mill, time will be allowed throughout the day to enjoy browsing and shopping at the Christmas store and the other shops in town.

The trip will go on sale on Wednesday, June 3, at 8 a.m. at the Wilson Park Ice Rink. Park District residents will have priority with non-residents in the line placed immediately on a waiting list and those wishing to call to be placed on the list may do so after noon that day.

The cost of the trip, which includes seven meals, bus, motel and all attractions, is \$355 for a single, \$267 each for a double room, \$236 per person for three to a room and \$222 each for four to a room. The full amount must be paid at the time of registration.

requirements. According to IDPH officials, the park failed a March 12 inspection, and also failed a reinspection in early May. The board also approved seeking bids for bottled water in the village hall.

Trustees had originally considered having plumbers come in and look at the water fountain, but Trustee Bob Vincent suggested bottled water instead.

"I think it's more sanitary and everything else," Vincent said.

It was approved by the board after a brief discussion.

## Area projects state receive funding

By Becky Vollmert  
Telegraph staff writer

Although the state legislative session was remarkable primarily for its lack of substantive statewide action, local lawmakers were able to secure extra money for hometown projects.

With the help of about \$700 million in budget surplus, millions of dollars were earmarked for Edwardsville area projects — the majority of it set aside for roads, schools and historic preservation efforts.

"Edwardsville and the surrounding metropolitan area fared pretty well," said state Rep. Jay Hoffman, D-Collinsville, who worked with Sen. Evelyn Bowles, D-Edwardsville, to push for the funds.

The final budget deal, which lawmakers approved early Saturday morning, "allows us to assist local governments to take some of the pressure off local taxpayers," Hoffman said.

Some of the money secured

for Bowles' 56th Senate District, which covers Edwardsville and the western part of Madison County, and Hoffman's 112th Legislative District, which includes Edwardsville Township, includes:

- ✓ An additional \$1.6 million for the widening of Illinois Route 159 from Edwardsville to Collinsville, bringing the total amount of state dollars set aside for the project to about \$14.5 million.
- ✓ \$100,000 in matching funds for the City of Edwardsville to buy a land to be used as a park.

- ✓ \$120,000 toward building a new senior citizens center in Glen Carbon, which is expected to cost nearly \$300,000.

- ✓ \$50,000 for thermal imaging helmets and turnout gear for the Edwardsville Fire Department and the Glen Carbon Fire Protection District.

- ✓ \$20,000 for technology improvements at the public libraries in Edwardsville and Glen Carbon.

- ✓ More than \$650,000 for renovations to laboratories at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, as well \$250,000 for the completion of the sports stadium on campus.

- ✓ \$100,000 for electric traffic signals at the intersection of North Main Street and Hillsboro Avenue in Edwardsville.
- ✓ \$39,000 for the Madison County Arts Council.

- ✓ \$10,000 for walking trails and a basketball court in Edwardsville Township Park. Bowles attributed securing money for the projects to the state's unusual budget surplus.

"We would never have gotten anything like this if they hadn't had the surplus. And they still are going to have \$700 million left over," she said.

## Village cites parks

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were too small to meet village requirements.

Because it did not meet requirements, the owners could not sell the property, but village officials had allowed the sale of the park to Kropf in hopes of improving the area. His original plans called for more newer mobile homes over a larger area with bigger lots.

Lake Side also recently lost its operating license — issued by the Illinois Department of Public Health — because of violations of state

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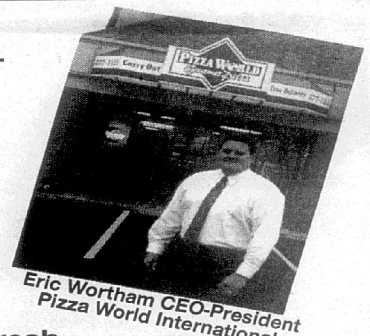
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## Ground is broken for project

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from Illinois Power, is the first example of her efforts," said Ron Stern, a director of HOME.

He said that a home on Adams Street that three years ago was unlivable now has a first-time homebuyer who is using the payments to build escrow to permanent home owner, largely due to the efforts of Noeth.

The Vintage Gardens project took two years from its initial dream to the groundbreaking.

said Leo Konzen, who served as master of ceremonies Thursday. Among those whom Konzen pointed out were organizations that have or will play a role in the completion of Vintage Gardens.

They include the Illinois Housing Development Authority's Housing Trust Fund, and the Madison County HOME program, which secured low interest loans for the project; Magna Bank, which provided private financing and also received a \$90,000 grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank Board to put toward financing Vintage;

Henderson Associates, project architect; Juneau Associates, engineers; Morrissey Construction and Terra Properties.

Konzen also recognized Mayor Ron Selph; County Board Chairman Rudy Papa; city council members, including Aldermen Kim McTaggart and Casmer Skubish; county board members, including Ray Romine, Frank Laub, Bob Stille and Junior Milton; plus state Reps. Steve Davis and Tom Holbrook. All were on hand for the groundbreaking.

## EPA public meetings slated for this week

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discuss site activities with EPA officials on a one-on-one basis. They are from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. June 4 at the Granite City Public Library main branch, and from 9 to 11 a.m. June 5 at United Methodist Niedringhaus Church, 1311 20th Street.

A public meeting is also scheduled at 7 to 9 p.m. June 5 at the Granite City Township Hall, 2680 Delmar Ave. EPA officials will present site updates and provide opportunity for residents to ask questions as part of a larger discussion.

In 1986, the EPA included the NL Taracorp site on the Superfund National Priorities

List of areas with serious hazardous waste problems. Sites on the list are studied by the EPA and cleaned up either by the EPA or the companies responsible for the waste problem.

The study, conducted January 1987 to November 1988, found several areas with elevated lead levels, including: • Taracorp Pile — A large waste pile on the NL Taracorp site filled with lead wastes. About 25-35 drums containing lead wastes were found on the surface of the pile.

The PRP generators will clean up this site with EPA oversight. Bids are expected to be let out in the next few months for this work.

• Area 1 — Located next to the NL Taracorp site, the

property contains unpaved areas and a waste pile used by St. Louis Lead Recyclers (SLRL) pile contains materials from battery cases.

• Resident Areas — These are resident properties near the site where tested soils contained high lead levels that posed a health threat. More than 775 residential yards have been cleaned as of mid-May with 450 homes waiting for cleanup. The residential cleanup should be finished by June 30, 1999.

The EPA will continue to oversee this cleanup, but PRP generators plan to take over residential clean-up activities as of June 1 from the Army Corp of Engineers and OHM Remediation Services.

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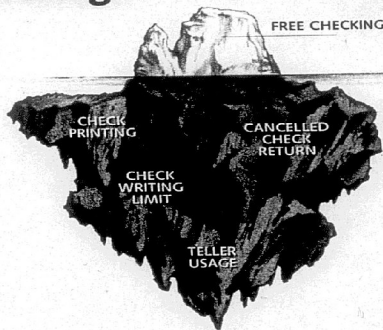
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## Tattoo parlor owner protests ban

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city's rules regarding the practice.

He said he has been in contact with other parlor owners who want to help him collect 10,000 signatures protesting the state law. Bucaro said Illinois is the only state with such a strict age requirement for tattoos.

"For everybody else it's 18," Bucaro said. "It just takes a lot of business away from the state. They can go 11 miles (to Missouri) and get one."

"It's just people trying to express themselves," artist Rosa Coultas said. "I don't think it's nearly as offensive as other ways they do it."

Bucaro and his shop's three other artists

"It just takes a lot of business away from the state. They can go 11 miles (to Missouri) and get one."

Tony Bucaro  
Tattoo parlor owner

agree that some restrictions, in the interest of safety, are necessary. They even support a process that would require tattoo artists to be certified.

"That's one way to make sure people know what they're doing," artist Eric Beard said.

## Bridge trouble shows need for new one

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Interstate 55/44 are open to motorists seeking to access the PSB.

MoDOT is asking large trucks to use southbound Interstate 270 to Interstate 255 over the Jefferson Barracks Bridge to get to Illinois.

"Regrettably, a lot more of drivers are having to use the Jefferson Barracks Bridge. That's probably the best, if not the fastest route for most people," said IDOT District Engineer Jim Easterly.

Easterly said many Illinois-bound drivers are also using the McKinley Bridge, a toll structure owned by the city of Venice, as an alternate route. Toll fees for the McKinley Bridge are 50 cents for cars and up to \$1.50 for large trucks.

"There are significant concerns about the

additional use of the McKinley Bridge, though," Easterly said. Those concerns relate to the McKinley's deck condition, he said.

Still others have been using the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Bridge through East St. Louis.

"People have had to stop and think about how they can get back over to the East Side. This is as good a time as any to put in a good word for building another bridge across the Mississippi for our Illinois commuters," Easterly said.

Easterly said that preliminary sketches for a new bridge — which would be located between the Martin Luther King Bridge and the McKinley Bridge — are part of IDOT's five-year plan. IDOT has set aside \$40 million for completion of an engineering study on the possible project, he said.

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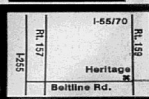


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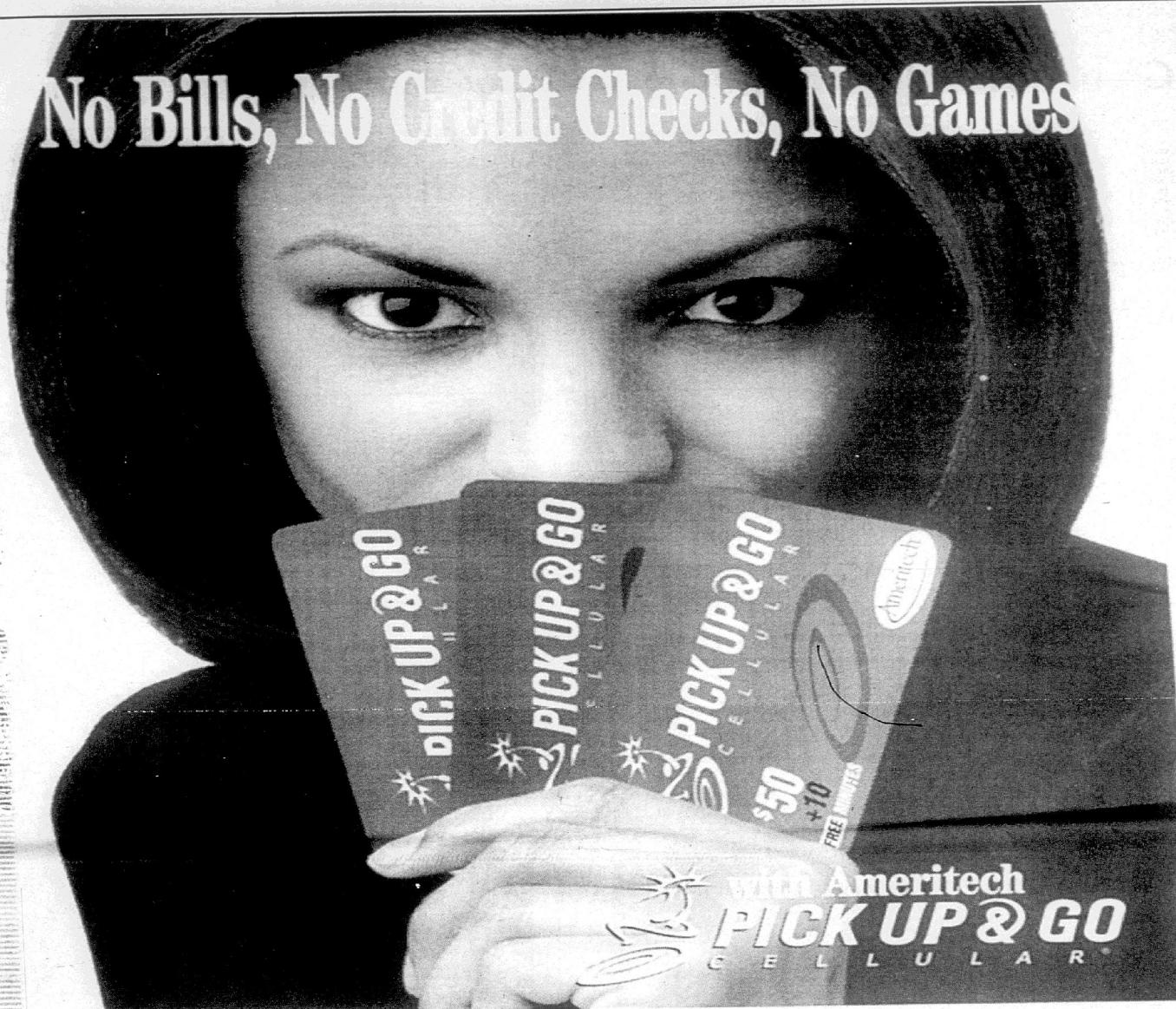
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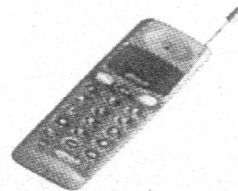


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# Harmony, cooperation hold formation of loving family

The next time you happen to see geese flying along in a "V" formation, you may be interested to learn what science has discovered about why they fly that unusual way. As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds at least 71 percent greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own. The birds fly further when they fly together than if they flew alone. Each goose gets help from the previous one, they don't get as tired or use up as much of their energy.

Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of air in trying to go it along and

## A New You



Catherine Galasso

quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird in front of him. When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates to the back of the formation and another goose takes the lead. The geese honk from behind to encourage those up in front to

keep up their speed. And if a fellow goose gets sick or is wounded, two geese fall out of formation and follow the injured bird down to help, feed and protect it. They stay with it until it is able to fly on its own. Then they launch out to join another group.

We human beings should pay close attention to this valuable and beautiful lesson. Albert Einstein once said, "The most important question a human being could answer is 'Is the universe a friendly place?'"

We are here on Earth to help one another. The Bible says, "Let not everyone look after their own needs, but on the needs of another." There is strength built into your own character, as you stay close in touch with the needs of others in your family or community. People who share a common direction and a sense of

togetherness can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the strength of one another.

Life is a journey. Going it alone is tough and hard. Unless we uphold each other and continually help one another we never will have the fulfillment of a joy-filled life. Be kinder than you have to be, more compassionate and more loving. When we give our best we increase the abundance of life in our children, our community and in a larger sense, a rippling effect in the lives of strangers that we don't even see. The soul grows when it is giving and receiving love. "All my life I have noticed that when people care and do good for others, that that goodness gets returned over and over again," one reader said.

A symphony is a beautiful thing to watch and much like life should be. As the conductor begins, each instrument is in harmony one with the other. Then a violin begins a solo, while the other instruments create a beautiful accompaniment of background music. Then the violin fades into the background and the flute starts a solo as the other instruments accompany it. The musicians do not vie for the lead and cause disharmony or walk off the stage because they are not in the lead for the moment. But they uphold each other to create beauty and form in the symphony. The musicians are much like the

geese and much like our own family life, work life and social life should be. Sticking close to each other in genuine love, upholding each other in prayer, protecting each other in kindness, feeding each other with encouragement... always reading the music, the word of God and always watching Him... the Conductor.

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## Fredbird hosting parties at stadium

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booming at that time," Bertani said. "And fans were inquiring about a Cardinals mascot."

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Their classroom presentation has received national recognition from the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program, Bertani said.

Fredbird's expanded role and spinoffs such as Team Fredbird, a group of six men and women who pep up the crowd, are some of the ways Cardinals management has re-emphasized baseball as a family event, Bertani said. The Iron Kids Cardinals Crew, the team's fan club, provides children with an opportunity to get to know Cardinal players. The player representative to the 2-year-old fan club rotates annually. Cardinals right fielder Brian

Jordan is filling the position this year.

Fan club membership is at \$10 and \$15 levels, the difference being the more expensive membership receives a Cardinals hat.

Benefits to all members include three tickets to select Cardinals home games, a T-shirt, membership card, newsletter and attendance at a private party with some Cardinals players.

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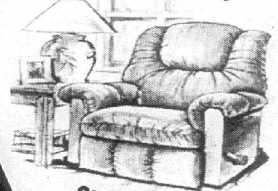
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## Strange events

'Parental interference' mars sporting events in southern Illinois

No need to dwell here on the fact that several Chicago area high schools have reported an increase in coaching resignations due to "parental interference."



Art Voellinger  
**Sports Views**

Consider a couple of incidents from southern Illinois, and you've got to wonder just what the heck is going on....

In early May at a Pinckney-West Frankfort varsity baseball doubleheader at the Pinckneyville City Park, the second game of the twinnish was cancelled after members of a West Frankfort player's family confronted the home plate umpire with their fists.

According to witnesses, after the West Frankfort player was called out on strikes in the top of the seventh inning, he cursed and was asked by the ump to "move along," although the player could have been ejected.

When West Frankfort coach John Taylor removed the player from the game, the coach was approached by the player's father and grandfather in the dugout. When they did not get answers they wanted there, the pair waited until after the game to question the umpire.

When the family duo got in the face of the umpire, matters escalated and, according to Pinckneyville Coach Roy Kulenkamp, "he (the umpire) put his hands up to protect himself."

"That's when I tried to step in," said Kulenkamp, who not only was slowed by the swings of the adults but by the flying fists of the player.

"As long as I've been around baseball, I've never seen anything like that," Kulenkamp was quoted as saying. "It was outrageous. I really felt bad for the kids. In high school sports, you're supposed to have fun."

Although the Illinois High School Association reportedly is investigating the matter, no arrests were made while the player was suspended for the remainder of the season and the family members have been barred from attending future West Frankfort sports activities.

Two days later in DuQuoin, a frustrated parent punched out the coach of the DuQuoin freshman-sophomore baseball team. A complaint was filed and the 32-year-old male adult now faces charges for aggravated battery.

Cause of the conflict? The parent was upset because his son had been suspended from the team first for academic problems and later for missing practices.

According to DuQuoin athletic director Bob Karnes, the parent had approached him about his son's playing time and was sent to the coach.

"We had a nice conversation," Karnes said. "We told him if the coach couldn't answer his questions to come back to me, and we'd take it up the chain of command."

"Sometimes with sports, people do lose perspective," Karnes was quoted as saying. "It was ugly, that's all I can say."

That's ugly like in the case of the Chicago-area coach who could not back his car from his garage because of the parent whose car blocked the driveway to assure that they'd have time



## Nice season

The Granite City girls soccer team's season ended last week with a penalty-kick loss to Edwardsville in the Class AA sectional. The Warriors were beaten by a team from Illinois only once in regulation this year — by Alton — and avenged that loss with a 4-0 victory at home. ABOVE: Granite City's Melissa Montgomery (white jersey) threads the needle through the Alton defense. AT RIGHT: Granite City's Christina Withers controls the ball against Alton.



John Frese photos

## ALL-JOURNAL CLASS AA GIRLS TRACK TEAM

## Tyler remains one of state's best

By Scott Marion  
Staff writer

Jamie Tyler fell short of a second state title, but the O'Fallon senior still ended her prep career on a positive note.

Tyler, who won the Class AA state championship in the high jump last year, had to settle for third place this season with a jump of 5 feet 7 inches.

State champ Kristan Pace of Gurnee Warren and runner-up LaShawna Canty of Algonquin Jacobs each jumped 5-8.

Jamie was obviously disappointed, but I told her anytime you finish in the top three in the state and you've been there for the past three years, it's quite an honor," said O'Fallon coach Denise Lee. "Her form looked great and she barely missed 5-8. When she didn't make it, she said she was shocked. Confidence wasn't a problem for her."

The 6-foot-2 Tyler is the Class AA Track Athlete of the Year for the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois. She is equally talented at volleyball and basketball and was named the 1997-98 Female Athlete of the Year for the greater St. Louis area by the sports editors of the Suburban Journals. As a sophomore, she placed second in the state in the high jump at 5-7 the same height she jumped last year in winning the title.

"Jamie performed really well all year," Lee said. "She was named team MVP

at our awards dinner (Thursday) night. She's an outstanding athlete and an outstanding young lady."

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## Collinsville tops Panthers

Kahoks record 13th shutout in sectional semifinal win

By Brian Bretsch  
Staff writer

Collinsville High struck early and often to take the home field advantage away from O'Fallon on Thursday in the semifinals of the Class AA O'Fallon Sectional.

The Kahoks scored four first-half goals and made them stand up for a 4-0 shutout victory.

Top-seeded Collinsville (20-2-2) faced Belleville East on Saturday afternoon for the sectional title. The Lancers reached the sectional championship with a 2-1 victory against upstart Edwardsville on Thursday night.

"I had to come out (strong) because you are playing a team on their home field and when you come to someone's home turf, it is a little bit tougher game," Collinsville coach Deana Wallace said.

"I told the girls we have to come out hard and we have to come out fast and as quick as we can. It played to our advantage. I think we caught them a little bit flat-footed. We took it to them. We expended a lot of energy in that first half. We were a little tired in the second but it paid off for us. We didn't give up

anything." O'Fallon coach Dave Ames was searching for reasons why the Lady Panthers looked lethargic in the first 40 minutes of play.

"Collinsville came out very hard," Ames said. "It's obvious they are the No. 1 seed and a good team. I felt we weren't into it enough. We needed to be in it more to begin with. To be real honest, I didn't think we played very good defense. I thought (Collinsville) moved well off the ball but I thought at times in the back we didn't pick people up."

The Kahoks forward line ran the Lady Panthers defense ragged. The Kahoks were able to get behind the O'Fallon back often.

"That's when you have people not taking players," Ames said. "That's not good defense. They are a good team and let's not take anything away from them, but a lot of that is our inexperience with our players not playing enough. It looked to me like we weren't ready to play."

While the Lady Panthers (14-8-3) struggled, the Kahoks defense got another A-plus for their effort. The defense played without the services of senior Jodie Bales and

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## Tigers' victory against GCHS marks highlight for fledgling program

By Brian Bretsch  
Staff writer

Despite falling 2-1 to Belleville East in the semifinals of the IHSA Class AA O'Fallon Sectional on Thursday, the Edwardsville girls soccer team were still bubbling over with excitement.

Belleville East fans and coaches, Collinsville High parents and O'Fallon High parents all offered congratulations to Edwardsville soccer coach Mark Schwarzkopf and his players prior to the Tigers-Lancers clash.

The players had made a sign that read "Regional Champions" and proudly stuck it to the windows of the bus for their trip to O'Fallon.

All the commotion had to do with the Tigers 2-1 victory against Granite City on Tuesday evening. The Tigers won the game in the sudden death penalty kick format.

It marked the first time in the history of the Tigers girls soccer program that the team defeated Granite City.

"Historically, this has got to be the best academic (school) year for Edwardsville High soccer because it encompasses at this time, currently, the two most important victories," Schwarzkopf said.

"One was the St. Charles match on the boys side to get us to the state tournament (championship) match. On the girls side, this is just absolutely spectacular that we made it to the finals."

The seventh-seeded Tigers were huge underdogs against the second-seeded Lady Warriors. The Edwardsville soccer program is only in its third year of existence. In the two previous seasons that the Tigers have been members of the Southwestern Conference, they had beaten a conference opponent just once.

Granite City scored first last week at the 25th minute to take a 1-0 lead. As the game progressed into the second

quarter, Schwarzkopf said it appeared the Lady Warriors were content with picking up the shutout.

Edwardsville freshman Lindsay Anderson changed all of that when she took a pass from Erin Gusewelle and scored at the 72nd minute, tying the score and changing the momentum of the contest.

"The timing of (Luckett's) goal couldn't have been planned any better than that because it just changed everything for us," Schwarzkopf said.

"Late in the match like that, and with Granite City putting such a tremendous team emphasis on shutouts, they really pride themselves defensively. To knock one in with eight minutes left, their (the Lady Warriors') confidence subsided somewhat."

Gusewelle was the difference in the Tigers goal.

"Erin was in the goal up until about 15 minutes left in the game," Schwarzkopf said. "We needed the equalizer. She changes a lot for us as a field player. We have done this before. She came on and took a shot and knocked one off the crossbar, which really elevated our confidence. Then she got the assist off a corner kick."

"Right after the equalizer, she got herself right back in goal. The girls are celebrating, she is walking back amongst everybody else trying to get set up as a field player again for the kick off. I said, 'No. Get back there. I couldn't get her attention because they were screaming so loud. I almost had to walk onto the field to grab her to get her to go back."

Each team made four of five penalty kicks in the PK round. The next round went to sudden

death. The Tigers won 4-3 on penalties.

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## Long home run helps O'Fallon's Bieber earn a ticket to Florida junior college

By Scott Marion  
Staff writer

Thanks to a well-timed home run at the Cahokia Tournament, Lyndsey Bieber is Florida-bound.

Bieber, a senior left fielder for the O'Fallon softball team, recently signed a letter of intent to play at Chipola Junior College in Marianna, Fla.

Chipola coach Sharon Coleman — a 1987 Cahokia High graduate and a former pitcher at DePaul University — met Bieber as a result of a close encounter with Bieber's home run ball.

"It went over the right field fence, where (Coleman) was watching another game, and it almost hit her," said Bieber, who plans to major in elementary education at Chipola. "It was kind of ironic, but she came up and

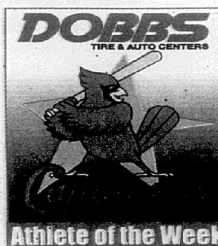
talked to me after the game. I hadn't heard anything about her, but (O'Fallon) coach (Jan) Luge knew her, because she had coached against her."

Bieber is batting .424 with seven doubles, three home runs and 19 RBIs for O'Fallon.

After competing in the inaugural Illinois High School Association Hitting Derby at the Class AA state tournament (June 12-13 in DeKalb), Bieber plans to visit Chipola.

"Their softball program is the main reason I'm going there," Bieber said. "(Coleman) explained a lot to me. She said they play as a team and they're like sisters, which really interested me."

Until she met Coleman, Bieber planned to attend Belleville Area College for two years and then transfer



to Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. "I've started in left field

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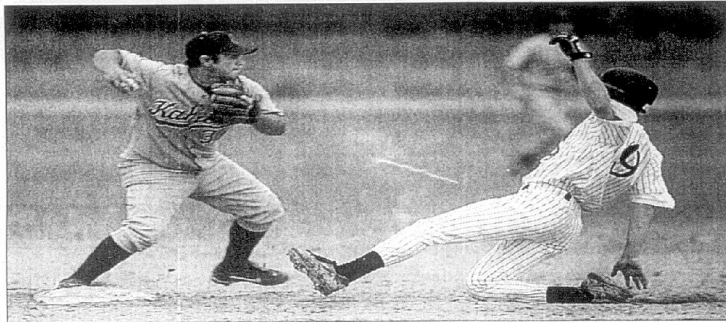


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## Final tuneup

Triad and Collinsville attempted to play a non-conference game last Tuesday but were postponed after three innings by rain. Both teams were set to play Saturday in their first postseason games after opening-round byes.

ABOVE: Triad's Corey Boeshans takes a lead off first base while Collinsville first baseman Derek LeMaster holds him on. AT RIGHT: Collinsville infielder Dan Munoz throws to first base after forcing out Triad's Todd Baebler at second base.



John Swistak Jr. photo

## Granite City Park District Results

GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT	
SOFTBALL	
JUNIOR POOL	
35-AND-UNDER	
Team	W-L
Blind's	2-0
Jacobsmeyers/Bud Light	2-1
Jacobsmeyers	1-2
Eagles	1-1
MHC	0-2
Week 1	
Jacobsmeyers 20, MHC 19	
Eagles 18, Jacobsmeyers/Bud Light 11	
Jacobsmeyers/Bud Light 27, Eagles 12	
Week 2	
Jacobsmeyers/Bud Light 18, MHC 2	
Blind's 17, Jacobsmeyers 10	
Blind's 17, Jacobsmeyers 4	
SENIORS	
50-AND-OVER	
Team	W-L
Supreme Dogs	2-0
A.G. Edwards	1-1
Dr. Jacks	1-1
Ancient Warriors	1-1
Metro	1-1
U.S. Pallet	1-1
Week 1	
Metro 23, A.G. Edwards 3	
A.G. Edwards 8, Metro 5	
Dr. Jacks 13, Ancient Warriors 12	
Ancient Warriors 10, Dr. Jacks 9	
Senior Dogs 13, U.S. Pallet 10	
Senior Dogs 13, U.S. Pallet 3	
SONNY ANTOFF	
60-AND-OVER	
Team	W-L
M.C.J.	1-0
A.G. Edwards	1-0
Hooch & Sixteen	1-0
Dairy Queen/Old Rookies	0-1
Week 1	
MCI 6, D.Q. Old Rookies 5	
A.G. Edwards 15, Hooch & Sixteen 9	
MEN 4A	
Team	W-L
Blind's Bud Light	2-0
T's Bar & Grill	2-0
Dooley Appraisal	0-2
Electric Mud Puppies	0-2
Week 1	
T's Bar & Grill 17, Dooley Appraisal 6	
Blind's Bud Light 25, Electric Mud Puppies 7	
Week 2	
T's Bar & Grill 15, Electric Mud Puppies 14	
Blind's Bud Light 10, Dooley Appraisal 8	
MEN 1A	
Team	W-L
Tower Automotive	2-0
G.C. Pest Kickapoo	2-0
Dawgs	1-1
Bad Boys	1-1
Shipley Chiropractic	1-1
Hideaway Cafe	1-1
Huntco Steel	1-1
Gateway Packers	0-2
Walters Sheet Metal	0-2
Week 1	
Tower Automotive 10, European Tanners 9	
Huntco Steel 25, Gateway Packers 10	
Dawgs 21, Shipley Chiropractic 11	
G.C. Pest Kickapoo 20, Hideaway Cafe 0	
Week 2	
G.C. Pest Kickapoo 11, Bad Boys 6	
G.C. Pest Kickapoo 10, Dawgs 8	
Hideaway Cafe 16, Gateway Packers 11	
Tower Automotive 14, European Tanners 10	
YTS 21, Huntco Steel 9	
Shipley Chiropractic 16, Walters Sheet Metal 4	
MEN 3A	
Team	W-L
Multicare Specialists	3-0
Pigs	3-0
Jackson Homes	1-2
Blind's II	1-2
Blind's/Country Company	1-2
Hooks	0-3
Week 1	
Multicare Specialist 14, Jackson Homes 2	
Pigs 25, Jackson Homes 24	
Multicare Specialists 23, Blind's Country Company 11	
Week 2	
Pigs 21, Hook's 17	
Pigs 10, Blind's II 4	
Multicare Specialist 14, Hook's 13	
Jackson Homes 19, Blind's Country Company 12	
Week 3	
Blind's II 7, Hook's 0	
Pigs 25, Jackson Homes 24	
Multicare Specialists 23, Blind's Country Company 11	
MEN 3A BLUE	
Team	W-L
Imo's Gamecocks	2-0
Outlaws	2-0
G.C. Sox	2-1
Midnight Outlaws	2-1
Paddy's McD's	1-2
Ball Blasters	1-2
American Colloid	0-3
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Outlaws 23, American Colloid 11	
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MEN 5A	
Team	W-L
Team Performance	2-1
Kramden's	2-1
Hook's	2-1
Budmen	1-2
Peel-Beatty-Motil	1-2
T's Roughriders	1-2
Week 1	
Hook's 9, Team Performance 7	
Team Performance 12, T's Roughriders 9	
Budmen 15, Hook's 3	
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Week 2	
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Team Performance 13, Peel-Beatty-Motil 12	
Kramden's 24, Bud Men 12	
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Pizza World	3-0
Jacobsmeyers/Miller Lite	3-0
K of C Lounge	2-1
Ernie & Annie's	1-2
Jim's Pawn & Jewelry	0-3
Week 1	
Pizza World 7, K of C 6	
Ernie & Annie's 9, K of C 4	
Jacobsmeyers/Miller Lite 28, Jim's Pawn & Jewelry 7	
Pizza World 12, K of C Lounge 7	
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CHURCH 2A	
Team	W-L
New Life Assembly	2-0
Grace Baptist II	2-0
Grace Baptist	1-1
First Church of Nazarene	1-1
Suburban Baptist	1-1
St. John's	1-1
Nameoki United Methodist	0-2
Full Gospel Fellowship	0-2
Week 1	
Suburban Baptist 15, Nameoki United Methodist 13	
New Life Assembly 14, Grace Baptist I 10	
First Church of Nazarene 21, Full Gospel Fellowship 14	
Grace Baptist II 15, St. John's 1	
Week 2	
St. John's 14, First Church of Nazarene 11	
New Life Assembly 27, Full Gospel Fellowship 9	
Grace Baptist I 18, Suburban Baptist 15	
Grace Baptist II 20, Nameoki United Methodist 7	
NORM GROTE CHURCH 2A	
Team	W-L
St. John	2-0
Suburban	2-0
Calvary Baptist Edwardsville	1-1
Harvest Assembly	1-1
Calvary Baptist	1-1
First Assembly	0-1
Word of Life	0-2
Week 1	
Calvary Baptist 17, Word of Life 1	
St. John's 7, Edwardsville Calvary Baptist 0	
First Assembly 24, Harvest Assembly 9	
Week 2	
Edwardsville Calvary Baptist 11, Harvest Assembly 10	
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Team.....	W-L
Pizz.....	3-0
Jacobsmeyers/Miller Light.....	3-0
K of C Lounge.....	2-1
Ernie & Annie's.....	1-2
Kiss of C.....	0-3
K of C.....	
Week 1	
Pizza World 7, K of C 6.	
Ernie & Annie's 9, K of C 4.	
Jacobsmeyers/Miller Lite 28, Jim's	
Pawn & Jewelers.....	1-1
Pizza World 12, K of C Lounge 7.	
Week 2	
Jacobsmeyers/Miller Lite 10, Ernie &	
Annie's 3.....	
Jacobsmeyers/Miller Lite 10, K of C 7	
Pizza World 12, Ernie & Annie's	
11.....	
K of C Lounge 12, Jim's Pawn & Jewel-	
ry 17.....	
CHURCH 2A	
Team.....	W-L
New Life Assembly.....	2-0
Grace Baptist 11.....	2-0
Pawn & Jewelers.....	1-1
First Church of Nazarene.....	1-1
Suburban Baptist.....	1-1
St. John.....	1-1
Nameki United Methodist.....	0-2
Full Gospel Fellowship.....	0-2
Scores	
Week 1	
Suburban Baptist 15, Nameki United	
Methodist 13.....	
New Life Assembly 14, Grace Bapt-	
ist 11.....	
First Church of Nazarene 21, Full	
Gospel Fellowship 14.....	
Grace Baptist 11 15, St. Johns 1.	
Week 2	
St. Johns 14, First Church of Nazare-	
ne 11.....	
New Life Assembly 27, Full Gospel	
Fellowship 9.....	
Grace Baptist 11 18, Suburban Bapt-	
ist 15.....	
Grace Baptist 12 26, Nameki United	
Methodist 7.....	
NORM GROTE	
CHURCH 2A	
Team.....	W-L
Suburban.....	1-0
Calvary Baptist-Edwardsville.....	1-1
Harvest Assembly 11.....	1-1
Calvary Baptist.....	1-1
First Assembly.....	0-1
Word of Life.....	0-2
Scores	
Week 1	
Calvary Baptist 17, Word of Life 1.	
St. John's 7, Edwardsville Calvary	
Bapt 9.....	
First Assembly 24, Harvest Assembly	
9.....	
Week 2	
Edwardsville Calvary Baptist 11,	
Harvest Assembly 10.....	
St. John's UCC 21, Word of Life 7.	
Suburban Baptist 17, Calvary Bapt-	
ist 4.....	
WOMEN 1A	
Team.....	W-L



# All-Journal Girls AA Track

## Girls AA Track

### Second team

High jump — Jamie Tyler, O'Fallon.  
Long jump — Miana Gordon, Edwardsville.  
Shot put — Danielle Lawary, Belleville West.  
Discus — Monique Stevens, East St. Louis Lincoln.  
3,200 relay — Edwardsville (Nellie Shaul, Sarah Dorch, Suzy Nucette, Amy Smith).  
800 medley — East St. Louis Senior.  
400 relay — East St. Louis Lincoln.

(Cherita Butler, Elisha Wright, Elvira Williams; Nikki Moore).  
100 dash — Brandi Fowler, Cahokia.  
100 hurdles — Elvira Williams, East St. Louis Lincoln.

3,200 run — Abbie Perez, Belleville East.  
800 run — Amy Semith, Edwardsville.  
800 relay — East St. Louis Lincoln (Elvira Williams, Elisha Wright, Latricia Singleton and Cherita Butler).  
400 dash — Elisha Wright, East St. Louis Lincoln.  
300 hurdles — Elvira Williams, East St. Louis Lincoln.

1,600 run — Jennie Illig, O'Fallon.  
Triple jump — Teyonda Mitchell, Cahokia.

200 dash — Elisha Wright, East St. Louis Lincoln.  
1,600 relay — East St. Louis Lincoln (Elisha Wright, Nikki Moore, Katria Lampley, Nikki-Qui Brown).

### Second team

High jump — Christine Archibald, Belleville West; Laura Johnston, Althoff.  
Long jump — Kristen Haller, Waterloo.

Shot put — Tarra Reynolds, Belleville East; Shelly Ruter, Triad.  
Discus — LaKelsha Gaston, O'Fallon; Tarra Reynolds, Belleville East.  
3,200 relay — Belleville West, East St. Louis Lincoln.  
400 relay — Edwardsville, Cahokia.  
100 dash — Cherita Butler, East St. Louis Lincoln; Eboni Jackson, Edwardsville.

100 hurdles — Carla Hill, East St. Louis Senior.  
3,200 run — Katie Lanus, Belleville East.  
800 run — Katria Lampley, East St.

Louis Lincoln; Sarah Swain, Granite City.  
800 relay — Cahokia.  
400 dash — Donyale Kelly, Belleville East.  
300 hurdles — Sarah Turpin, Belleville West; Nikki Moore, East St. Louis Lincoln.

1,600 run — Catherine Betz, Belleville West; Amy Semith, Edwardsville.  
Triple jump — Latricia Singleton, East St. Louis Lincoln.  
200 dash — Tameka Isbell, East St. Louis.  
1,600 relay — Edwardsville; O'Fallon.

## Tyler tops All-Journal track team

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numerous NCAA Division I schools, Tyler recently signed with Illinois State University. "She got a scholarship to be their high jumper," Lee said. "She visited the school a few days ago and she was very happy with the campus and the coaching staff. She'll have a high jump coach, which is something she was looking for. She's had one here for the past four years (former head coach Rich McCammack)."

Tyler's best jump this season was 5-8 at the Mount Vernon Sectional. She was also part of the Panthers' 4x400 relay team, which qualified for state but didn't reach the finals. She went to state as a freshman and sophomore in the 4x800 relay and qualified as a junior in the 4x400.

"We can use her pretty much everywhere and get a place out of it," Lee said prior to the sectional. "In the (South Seven) conference meet, she won the long jump in 16-5½, which was the best jump of her high school career. She can also run the 400 and 800." Tyler's success was due to a blend of talent and dedication. She often practiced her high jumping with McCammack in the morning before school, and she was usually one of the last athletes to leave afternoon practice sessions.



O'Fallon senior Lyndsey Bieber has enjoyed a fine spring season for the Panthers and has signed to play college softball at Chipola Junior College in Florida.

## Bieber signs with Chipola Junior College

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since the middle of my sophomore year," Bieber said. "I played basketball as a freshman and sophomore and volleyball as a freshman, but softball just kind of took over."

"I play in the summer and winter for the O'Fallon Rage, and that's been a real big help. I also take hitting lessons in the winter and fall with Ed Godard (who works with many other local players)."

"Playing college softball has always been a big goal for me. I'm working on my speed and I'm trying to work on my infield ability, too. I want to be more of an all-around player. I was an infielder my freshman and sophomore years for the junior varsity team."

Coleman is entering her third season as head coach at Chipola, which is located in northern Florida about 45 minutes from Panama City Beach. This past season, she guided the Lady Indians to a 38-12 record. Coleman hopes Bieber is the first of several recruits from the Metro East.

"I'm not used to sunny weather, so I'll have to bring a lot of sunscreen," Bieber said, laughing. "I'm also working on keeping my grades up," she added.

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# Lancers oust Edwardsville

By Scott Marion  
Staff writer

Heading into Thursday's sectional soccer semifinals, Belleville East senior Cori Turpin had two goals. When the game was over, Turpin had two more goals and the Lancers had a 2-1 victory against Edwardsville.

"She picked a good time to double her goal total," East coach Mark Lasley said with a laugh. "Cori and all of our seniors have stepped it up lately. We're playing as a unit. Our goalkeeper (Nikki Delgado) and our backfield faced a lot of pressure, but they did a good job. I felt we had the better chances, but Edwardsville was really pushing it late in the game and trying to go into overtime like they did against Granite (City

on Tuesday, when the Tigers won 2-1 on penalty kicks." East (13-7-2) was the No. 6 seed in the O'Fallon Sectional. The Lancers were scheduled to play top-seeded Collinsville (20-2-2) in Saturday's championship game. East lost to twice to the Kahoks in a regular season, but by scores of 3-2 and 1-0.

In Thursday's game, Edwardsville (10-10-1) took a 1-0 lead at the 14:16 mark of the first half on a direct kick goal by Lacy Hampton. Turpin tied the game late in the first half when she scored inside the right post on a crossing pass from junior teammate Christen Seaman. Senior Shannon Bramble set up East's second goal at the 58:08 mark in the second half. She crossed the ball in front of the Edwardsville net, setting up Turpin, who beat Tigers sophomore goalkeeper Erin Gusewelle.

## Sports

### CHS blanks O'Fallon in semifinal

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sophomore Jessica Duckworth, who both missed the game because of injuries. Yet the Kahoks still managed to post their 13th shutout of the season.

Mandy Waitukaitis was solid in the nets. She stopped a breakaway in the second half when she came off her line to challenge the play.

Tasha Siegel set up the Kahoks first goal when she got inside the Panthers penalty box on the attack. An O'Fallon defender was called for obstruction, which resulted in an indirect free kick.

Kelly Bowling took the indirect kick and flicked it over to Lori Benesh, who drilled a low, ground hugging shot through traffic to quickly give the Kahoks a 1-0 lead just 5:04 into the game.

Cara LeMaster doubled the Kahoks' lead at

27:01 when she used her speed to run past the Lady Panthers defense. LeMaster scored with a defender practically draped on her.

Jenna Dietrich stole the ball from an O'Fallon defender near the right wing. She worked around the same defender and then fired a perfect knee-high pass across the front of the goal that Angie Bluemner tapped in.

Bluemner delivered the final blow when LeMaster worked around a defender in the same manner as Dietrich had. LeMaster fired a pass deep from the right wing to Bluemner, who was in the right place again to tap the ball in for the Kahoks at 36:05.

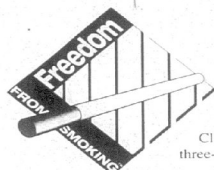
"With one and two goals, you are still very, very nervous," Wallace said. "When we got three you can relax a little bit on the side. That fourth goal is almost like the icing on the cake you could say. I would have liked to have had one in the second half. We had opportunities but we may have been a little tired and sometimes when you are tired you are not concentrating as hard."

### Tigers' triumph looms large for new program

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death PKs. In the sudden death round, Gusewelle came up with two huge saves and Jill Luckett was credited with the what turned out to be the winning PK.

"After Erin saved the second one, the celebration began," Schwarzkopf said. "The celebration was one of the nicest experiences and made it a great reason to be involved in high school athletics and witness such exhilaration."



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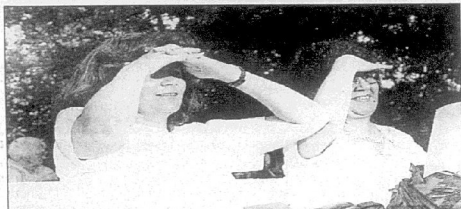




Shirley Valencia photos

## Community concert

Above left: Emily Kenne, left, Amy Buzzel and young Ethan Cody Bazzell at the Granite City Adult Community Band concert, held May 17 at Wilson Park. Above right: The brass section of the Granite City Adult Community Band plays. At left: Dave Thompson plays the drums in the Granite City Adult Community Band concert. At right: Sharon Geigman and Shirley Jones watch their relatives playing in the band. Amateur and professional musicians alike are invited to join the band, which plays next on July 5 in Wilson Park.



## Today designated 'No-Tobacco' day

Today has been designated by the World Health Organization as World No-Tobacco Day. The theme for this year's event is "Growing Up Tobacco-Free: Children Without Tobacco." World No-Tobacco Day started in 1986 in recognition of the threat tobacco use poses to global public health. It is one of the four world-wide health days designated by the WHO. The day draws attention to the need to eliminate tobacco use and promotion of tobacco products throughout the world.

The following are some statistics from the American Cancer Society:

- Every 13 seconds, someone dies from tobacco use.
- "Passive" smoke kills approximately 50,000 Americans each year.
- Smoking kills more people than AIDS, crack, cocaine, heroin, alcohol, murder, fire and car crashes combined.
- "When I speak to kids about making the choice not to smoke, the students are genuinely surprised that

tobacco companies seek new customers," said Jean Barnard, health educator at Madison County Health Department. Every day, 3,000 teenagers begin smoking. The American Lung Association estimates that 90 percent of smokers begin before they are 18 years old. There are 33.2 million smokers in the United States. For more information regarding World No-Tobacco Day, call Barnard at the Madison County Health Department, 692-8994.

## Organizations

### Legion Post 307

Venice-Madison American Legion Post 307 held its annual Memorial Day Service on May 25 at the Post 307 Home in Pontoon Beach.

Guided by chairperson Norma Hillmer, Unit 307's American Legion Auxiliary served coffee and doughnuts at 10:30 a.m. Post member Charles Martinez, Chief RDOS of the Active Coast Guard, was Master of Ceremonies and speaker. The Post's Color Guard — Jack Toliver, Louis Martin Jr., Gary Swift, Jerry Modicus and Rick Barnhart — posted colors. Jerry Benton served as acting Chaplain for opening and closing prayers. Gold Star Sisters present and introduced were Doris Martin, Dornalee Peach and Wiladeen Walker. A memorial poem was read by Jane

Modrusic.

Chief Martinez presented remarks about Memorial Day, persons now in service, and peace in the future.

Auxiliary members Dorothy Hinson, Lynn Cudar, Kato Buechle, Dolores Weis, Juanita Williams and Bette Nugent placed the wreaths. D.A.V. Auxiliary wreath was presented to Mary Scarsdale and Nancy Colby. A volley salute was given by the Color Guard. Taps were played. The grounds were beautiful with the 700 crosses with flags and poppies on each.

Lunch was served following the services. About 100 people were in attendance for the service.

### Eight and Forty

Madison County Salon 53, Eight and Forty, met at Edwardsville Post 199 on

Tuesday, May 19. Hostesses were Frances Elbeck and Dorothy Scoy of Edwardsville and Paul Riggs of Jamestown. Eighteen were present. Chapeau Wanda Taylor conducted the business meeting.

Dorothy Scoy, Children and Youth Chairperson, collected \$18.92 for the Superkids Campership Fund. Partners turned in money for the Cystic Fibrosis Mother's Day Tea.

Shirley Landolt conducted the attendance prize drawing, which was won by Norma Hillmer.

Nurses Scholarship Chairperson Irene Schnock collected \$8 for fund.

Judy Zimmerman announced that plans were okay for the June meeting to be held at the Ponderosa restaurant in Highland.

A beautiful crocheted stole was won at the Spring Pouvoir by the Salon. It was decided to hold a drawing, which was won by Zema Harmon of Soronto.

LaMarche Departmental (Convention) will be held July 31 through Aug. 2, at Champaign, Ill. Twelve partners plan to attend.

The following officers were elected at the meeting: Chapeau Zella Emde of Bethalto; Demi Chapeau Premier Nan Paez of Alton; Demi Chapeau Deauiane Shirley Landolt of Alton; Demi Chapeau Wanda Taylor of Bethalto; LaMarche Adeline Drury of Alton; and LaMarche Zema Harmon of Soronto. Delegates and alternates for the LaMarche Departmenta were then elected.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and bingo was played.

Those attending from the Granite City area were Mary Ballentine, Frances Cowley, Norma Hillmer and Dorothy Hinson.

### Legion Auxiliary

The 22nd District American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary traveled to the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy on Sunday, May 17, for its 19th Annual Mayfest for the residents there.

Co-chairmen of the event were Roger Mickelson and Mike Murphree of East St. Louis. Assisting at the IVH were Rosemary Browner, American Legion Auxiliary Field Service Director for IVH, and Linda Schmitt, Coordinator of Activities and Voluntary Services at the Illinois Veterans Home.


Beginning about 1:15 p.m., carnival-type poker games and a Dollar Walk were conducted for the residents to enjoy.

These were followed by bingo games. Refreshments of cookies, ice cream cups, soda, tea and coffee were served to the more than 100 veterans attending the function.

Several members visited the bedfast residents with monetary gifts and small stuffed animals.

Those attending were: From Granite City 113 — Rose Moreland, Harold Chandler and Coy Baker; From Venice-Madison 307 — Dorothy Hinson, Pauline Messinger, Dolores Weis, Mary Heilingner, Cathy Moreland, and friend Heather Hinson; From Cahokia 754 — Dee Godday and Margaret Payne; From New Douglas 710 — Judy Zimmerman and Dorothy Lindsey; From Alton 120 — Nancy and Ed Paez; From Edwardsville 199 — Jim and Linda Matthews; From Highland 439 — Gene Linenfelser, May Mickelson, Roger Mickelson, Warren Walter and Tomie Walter; From Collinsville 365 — Mary and Kenny Lamoreaux, Jeremy Scawn, Minnie Arno, Joe Arno, Paula Riggs, Roger Riggs, Robby Riggs, Margie Lizzy, Gigi Huse, and Marcia Ziska.

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## Horoscope

**SUNDAY, MAY 31**  
The sensitive moon in gregarious Leo is at a hard aspect to Mercury in Taurus today, so be careful not to overreact to innocent comments. Anxieties should lessen by evening when the moon's rapid progress will have it residing in the earthy sign of Virgo, in harmony with both Mercury and Mars in the earthy sign of the bull, Taurus.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 31).** The year ahead will mean increased attention for you, so don't be too shy to embrace what you deserve. Adoring others from afar does no good if they don't know who you are. Introduce yourself, and flirt. New jobs find you ripe and ready in July and October. Your best signs for romance are Sagittarius and Virgo.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).**

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Prospective employers are met at community celebrations. A temporary love quickly becomes part of your life. Family members who were intolerant change their tune once they know all the facts.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Fireworks light up your love.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Others never can complete you, though you may have set this belief in your head. Friends have a sure money-making idea. Use intuition to zero in on answers—a guilty party appears angry.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Break the silence; someone has to start the discussion on important issues. Keep work and love completely separate for now. You will benefit from showing vulnerability to those in charge.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Love happily hogs your schedule.

Finances become more stable because of your reasonable budgeting. Invite others to your home, and bonds are set. Your family life improves when you set boundaries.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Separate what a partner wants from what you need. You can defend your position with bullies more easily than you think. Singles meet potential loves at the gym or on a walk.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Clear your schedule for maximum romantic potential. Pals give you a better perspective about love. Relative will demonstrate more care and sensitivity than in the past. Participate in a party.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Relax. Easy communication revolves around your comfortable demeanor. A

terrific movement in your personal life comes from separating your needs from your wants and focusing on what you have control over already.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Big results come when you respect your own talent. Gear up for a sudden work opportunity. Capricorns and Pisces are on your team. Depending on friends is safe, but you might still do better on your own.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Let children know how much you need them. Straight talk proves to be more lucrative than beating around the bush. Pushing projects to

the back burner is necessary to dedicate quality time to the ones you love.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Your concentration is super. A lover is forthcoming with funds. Get to know those in power by socializing, and win by taking an emotional risk. Your nose for bargains is sharp, so take advantage of it.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Romance moves full steam ahead—are you ready? Aries offer sparkling companionship, but Virgo is the most likely to come through with commitment. Healthy choices are admired.

## Movie schedule

Film timetable for Sunday, May 31. For times on other days, or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

**CARMIKE PETITE**  
170 and Hwy. 157, Collinsville, Ill.  
344-1708  
Hope Floats (PG-13) 1:20, 3:45, 7:20, 9:45  
Deep Impact (PG-13) 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30  
Godzilla (PG-13) 1:00, 3:45, 7:00, 9:45  
Almost Heroes (PG-13) 1:15, 3:30, 7:15, 9:30

**EASTGATE CINE**  
Eastgate Plaza, E. Alton, Ill. 254-5289  
Bulworth (R) 1:15, 3:00, 7:30, 9:15  
The Horse Whisperer (PG-13) 1:00, 4:30, 8:00  
Hope Floats (PG-13) 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30  
Godzilla (PG-13) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10  
Deep Impact (PG-13) 2:00, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00

**COTTONWOOD EDWARDSVILLE CINE**  
Edwardsville, Ill. 636-6300  
Lost in Space (PG-13) 2:00, 7:00, 9:40  
Paulie (PG-13) 2:30, 7:30, 9:30  
As Good As It Gets (PG-13) 2:15, 7:15, 10:00

**LINCOLN THEATER**  
103 E. Main, Belleville, Ill. 233-2123  
Primary Colors (R) 1:30, 7:00, 9:15  
Wild Things (R) 7:05, 9:20  
The Wedding Singer (PG-13) 1:45, 7:15, 9:15

**NAMECKI CINEMA**  
30 Namecki Village, 877-6630  
Titanic (PG-13) 2:00, 7:15  
City of Angels (PG-13) 2:15, 6:45

**NORTH TWIN DRIVE-IN**  
8425 Lewis & Clark, 822-4900  
I Got The Hook Up (R) 8:45  
He Got Game (R) 10:35  
Woo (R) 8:45  
Players Club (R) 10:15

**O'FALLON 15 CINE**  
1320 Central Park Dr., O'Fallon, Ill. 822-4900  
Quest For Camelot (G) 12:10, 2:10, 4:10  
He Got Game (R) 7:00, 9:45  
Hope Floats (PG-13) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00  
Hope Floats (PG-13) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:05  
Titanic (PG-13) 1:00, 4:55, 9:30  
I Got The Hook Up (R) 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 8:00  
I Got The Hook Up (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00  
Feat And Loathing in Las Vegas (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00  
The Horse Whisperer (PG-13) 12:20, 2:40, 7:00  
The Horse Whisperer (PG-13) 1:00,

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4:30, 8:00  
Object Of My Affection (R) 2:35, 5:05, 7:30, 9:50  
City Of Angels (PG-13) 1:15, 4:00, 7:25, 9:50  
Godzilla (PG-13) 12:00, 3:00, 5:55, 9:15  
Godzilla (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00  
Godzilla (PG-13) 1:45, 4:45, 7:45  
Godzilla (PG-13) 2:30, 5:30, 8:30

**QUAD CINEMA**  
Belleville, Ill. 222-1220  
The Horse Whisperer (PG-13) 12:30, 4:15, 7:45  
Hope Floats (PG-13) 1:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:50  
Godzilla (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00  
Almost Heroes (PG-13) 12:15, 2:20, 4:30, 6:45, 9:00

**REGENCY SQUARE 8**  
1085 Regency Parkway, 846-8000  
City Of Angels (PG-13) 2:30, 5:30, 8:00  
Paulie (PG-13) 5:50  
Mercury Rising (R) 7:45  
Les Miserables (PG-13) 1:45, 5:00  
Black Dog (PG-13) 8:15  
Almost Heroes (PG-13) 2:20, 5:30, 7:35, 9:50  
I Got The Hook Up (R) 2:05, 6:00  
Good Will Hunting (R) 1:50, 4:50, 7:00

**ROXANA CINE THEATER**  
Roxana, Ill. 254-6746  
Quest For Camelot (G) 2:00, 7:00

**SHOWCASE 12 EDWARDSVILLE**  
6533 Center Grove Rd., 658-7468  
Deep Impact (PG-13) 1:00, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50  
Impact (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:20, 10:00  
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Godzilla (PG-13) 1:15, 4:30, 7:40  
Titanic (PG-13) 12:00, 4:05, 8:20  
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City Of Angels (PG-13) 12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:40

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Sliding Doors (PG-13)	1:15 4:40 7:05 9:30	City of Angels (PG-13)	12:50 3:50 6:50 9:40
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**Horse Whisperer (PG-13)**  
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## Events calendar

## Community

Two special registration days for GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT youth and adult programs will be held from 9 a.m. to noon June 6 and 6 to 9 p.m. June 11 at Brown recreation Center.

The youth programs are for summer recreation, Mini cheerleading, pom, pom/cheerleading, gymnastics, tennis lessons, ballet/jazz/tap dancing, baseball school, softball school and girls drill team.

Adult programs include Slimettes, step aerobics, tennis and country line dancing.

ID cards may be purchased during those times as well. Call the Wilson Park Office at 877-3059 for more information.

THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY is holding the 15th annual book sale 6 to 9 p.m. June 9 and 9 a.m. to noon June 10 at the Wilson Park Ice Rink. Admission is \$1 on Friday night, no charge to members of Friends of the Library and no charge for Saturday morning. All books, records and magazines are 25 cents. Call 797-0223 or 452-6238 for more information.

## Music/concerts

Drummer STAN FORNASZEWSKI AND HIS BIG BAND presents the "Best of Big Bands and Beyond." Concerts are free and open to the public, and are held starting at 7:30 p.m. at Wilson Park. Upcoming dates are June 4 and 18.

## Stage plays/musicals

THE SUMMERSTAGE PLAYHOUSE presents "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum." The last performance is today, Sunday. Written by Burt Shevelove and Larry Gelbart with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, "Forum" is the story of the slave Pseudolus, personal slave to young Hero, whose parents, the vaguely

senile Senex and the domineering Domina, are about to take a journey to visit her mother. They leave their number one slave, Hysterium, in charge, cautioning him to keep their son from the clutches of the courtesans at the next door house of the procurer Lycus.

But Hero has already spied one of the house's occupants, the lovely, dense, young Phila, and is deeply in love. The crafty Pseudolus offers Hero a deal — he'll help him win the girl in exchange for making him a free man. The love-stricken youth eagerly agrees and what follows is one of Broadway's funniest, most loved musicals.

The show, based on the works of the Roman playwright Plautus, blends old-fashioned vaudeville and burlesque slapstick. The show has lots of stock stunts — witty servants, a vain-glorious bully, a lecherous master with a jealous, domineering wife, infant children stolen by pirates and the love of two

youngsters.

Leading the cast through this rollicking romp through Rome is Marc Lull as Pseudolus, with Ken Eliff as Hysterium, John Miller as Hero, Elizabeth B. Dam as Phila, Jack Moenster as Senex, Beverly Scroggins as Domina, Kevin Nelson as Lycus, Debbie Blatz as Eronia and Chuck Hill as Miles Gloriosus. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for children under 12. Adults will receive \$2 off the admission when attending the show wearing a toga. Summerstage is located at 1350 27th in Granite City. For more information and to reserve seats, call 451-1032 or 451-5785.

SUMMER SHOWBIZ, the annual stock theater program at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, will offer two Broadway blockbusters for summer fare this year. Meredith Willson's beloved "The Music Man" and the magical musical

"Brigadoon" by Lerner and Loewe. "The Music Man" will be staged at 7:30 p.m. June 11-14 and 18-21, and at 2 p.m. June 21. "Brigadoon" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. July 9-12 and 16-19, and at 2 p.m. July 19. All performances are in SIUE's Willson's Theater, a small-town life in the Midwest tells the story of the lovable odd man Harold Hill, who comes to River City, Iowa, to make a fast buck by convincing the townspeople he can put together a children's band. However, he fails for the local piano teacher and finds that he can't go through with

the swindle. "Brigadoon," with its memorable score and lovely charm, is about two Americans who stumble on a magical town in the hills of Scotland, a town in which life and love bloom only once each 100 years. The two become caught up with the residents and the mythical makeup of the town and must decide whether to stay. Tickets for each show are \$10; \$5 for senior citizens 65 and older, students, and SIUE faculty and staff with valid ID. Tickets are available

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## Uncle returns for Scout ceremony

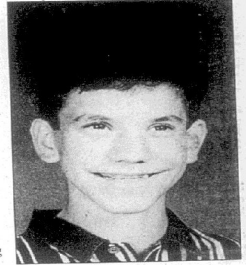
Andrew Klesh of Boy Scout Troop 677 in Ellisville, Mo., was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout in a May 16 ceremony at the Beaumont Scout Reservation during the troop's monthly camp-out.

The son of Kenneth and Ingrid Klesh, Andrew is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Klesh of Granite City and of Mrs. Marita Knappczyk of Columbia, Ill. His uncle, former Granite City resident John R. Klesh, made a special return trip from New York to attend the ceremony, which was held before a large assembly of troop members and invited guests.

After receiving his Eagle badge, and, in turn, presenting his mother with the Eagle mother's pin and his father with the Eagle tie tack, Andrew thanked those who had helped him over the years and invited the younger Scouts in the assembly to aspire to this honor as well.

For his required Eagle Scout project, Andrew made a video and booklet that explained in detail to teachers of the Rockwood School District how to use audiovisual equipment and the Microsoft PowerPoint program to enhance their classroom presentations. The video is available in several school libraries throughout the district. Nearly 120 hours were spent in the planning and execution of the project.

Andrew is currently an honor roll freshman at Rockwood's Lafayette High School. During his Scout career, Andrew has served as both assistant and senior patrol leader of Troop 677, as a



Andrew Klesh

member of the Inner Circle troop guides, and as a staff member of the Junior Leader Training Camp at the BSA Greater St. Louis Area Council's S-F Scout Ranch in Knob Lick, Mo. He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and was instrumental in the formation of the OA ceremonial team for Troop 677. He has earned 30 merit badges and is already eligible for the bronze Eagle palm award. During the summer of 1997, he attended the Northern Tier High Adventure Base, where he canoed the waters of Canada's Quetico Provincial Park. This August, he will serve as backpacking crew leader for a Troop 677 contingent to the Philmont Scout Ranch in the mountains of northern New Mexico.

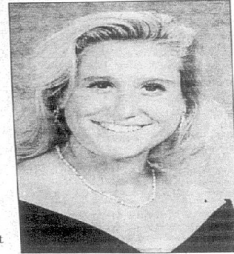
## Krinski among top in class

Cassandra Krinski graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in nursing from the University of Missouri at Columbia on May 8. At the 150th Spring Commencement, she was acknowledged by the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society for outstanding merit and academic achievement.

Krinski has been recognized by numerous national organizations. She is a member of the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society, the Golden Key National Honor Society, the Gamma Zeta Chapter of Rho Lambda, and Phi Kappa Phi, which recognizes the top one-percent of graduating seniors nationwide.

The University of Missouri Faculty Honor Council named her among 17 graduating seniors for academic excellence. The Nursing Alumni Organization selected her as the recipient of the Outstanding Undergraduate Award.

Kappa Delta Sorority presented her with the Dorothy Ramage Award. Krinski is also listed in Who's Who in American Universities and



C. Krinski

Colleges.

A 1994 graduate of Granite City High School, she is the daughter of Tom and Pat Krinski and the granddaughter of Sophie Krinski.

She has accepted a position in the Neurosurgical Intensive Care Unit of University Hospital in Columbia, Mo., while continuing training as a nurse-anesthetist.

## Milestones

Cindy Reber celebrates a birthday today, May 31.

Caslyn Reed celebrates a birthday today, May 31.

Archie R. Vest celebrates a birthday today, May 31.

Bob and Cheryl Wright celebrate an anniversary today, May 31. Hershel Singleton celebrates a birthday today, June 1.

Gene Bellman celebrates a birthday June 1.

Sandy Burns celebrates a birthday June 1.

Robert "Bob" Parks celebrates a birthday June 1.

Jenny and Charles Will Sr. celebrate an anniversary June 1.

David and Minnie McCosky celebrate an anniversary June 1.

Cole Michael Coppersmith celebrates a birthday June 2.

Amy and Mark Winn celebrate an anniversary June 2.

Kevin and Sandra Slaton celebrate an anniversary June 2.

Seam Fortune celebrates a birthday June 3.

Amber Radcliff celebrates a birthday June 3.

Amber Lynn Radford celebrates a birthday June 3.

Aleene Robertson celebrates a birthday June 3.

Ronnie Adamson celebrates a birthday June 3.

Harry Peterson celebrates a birthday June 3.

Walter Smith celebrates a birthday June 4.

Kevin Wayne Wells celebrates a birthday June 4.

Scott Renkin celebrates a birthday June 4.

Debbie Wells celebrates a birthday June 4.

June Nunery celebrates a birthday June 5.

James Broadway celebrates a birthday June 5.

Daniel William Timko celebrates a birthday June 5.

Danielle Lacquement celebrates a birthday June 5.

Paula Hubbard celebrates a birthday June 5.

John Belcoff celebrates a birthday June 6.

Brittney Bulva celebrates a birthday June 6.

Dale Heinline celebrates a birthday June 6.

Dorothy Radford celebrates a birthday June 6.

Ronnie "Odie" Adamson celebrates a birthday June 6.

Randy and Karen Grider celebrate an anniversary June 6.

Teri and John Lake celebrate an anniversary June 6.

To submit an item to Milestones or delete an entry, send a postcard to "Milestones" Granite City Journal, 1815 Delmar Ave., Granite City, IL 62040.

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# Horseradish Festival begins

It's time once again for the annual Horseradish Festival in Collinsville.

This annual event is held in Collinsville's Woodland Park the first weekend of June. It draws people from far and wide and celebrates Collinsville as being the horseradish capital of the world — a registered servicemark of the United States Patent Trademark office.

Collinsville has received the distinction not only for the sheer quantity of horseradish produced, but also for its long quality — thanks to the rich Mississippi River bottoms soil.

Visitors to the International Horseradish Festival have an array of activities to choose from. Included in the festival is the "Root Toss," where competitors see who can throw the horseradish root the

farthest. Also, root golf is played to see if you can score a hole in one by hitting the "root ball" approximately 50 yards.

This year's Horseradish Festival will be Saturday and Sunday, June 6 and 7. All day events include the Little Miss and Mister Horseradish Pageants, crafter exhibits, live music and lots of food and drink. It's a great time for people of all roots and ages.

As a result of fertile river bottoms, 85 percent of the world's horseradish crop is grown in Madison and St. Clair counties.

Collinsville boasts as being the horseradish capital of the world; the festival celebrates the root annually.

Additional horseradish festival information may be obtained by contacting the Collinsville Chamber of Commerce at 344-2884.

## Festival schedule

**Saturday, June 6**  
 10:30 to 11 a.m. Opening ceremonies  
 11:15 to 12:15 p.m. Slapper County Western Dancers  
 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. Root Sacking Contest  
 12:45 to 2:15 p.m. Lavern Oatman Root Sacking Contest  
 2:15 to 2:45 p.m. Happy Tapper Cloggers  
 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. Little Mister Horseradish Pageant  
 3 to 4 p.m. Smoke House Allstars

**Sunday, June 7**  
 11:30 to 1:45 p.m. Little Miss Horseradish Pageant  
 2 to 3 p.m. George Portz and His Blue Grass Band  
 During Intermission Root Sacking Contest

**Optimist Pavilion Events Saturday, June 6**  
 11 to 11:15 a.m. Tot Trot  
 12 to 1 p.m. Boots and Slippers Square Dancers  
 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Recipe Contest  
 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Bloody Mary Contest  
 2 to 4 p.m. Wayne Scannell and Mark Salonik will entertain throughout the grounds.

# Medical Center receives 'gift of love'

In the Kelly-green carpeted chapel of St. Elizabeth Medical Center there are, naturally, a number of religious artifacts and comfort items beneath the white, vaulted ceiling.

There are 72 chairs, most of which match the carpeting, and 10 stained-glass windows dedicated to past patients and benefactors.

There are 18-inch figures depicting the stations of the cross, and six hanging-globe lamps.

And, there is one painting. It's not a Picasso, a Monet or a Titian. It's a Schroder. Not a famous name in the art world, but it's not the star quality that counts. It's the quantity.

The single canvas hangs in this revered place because of a brother and sister who wanted to pay tribute to their deceased family members.

According to Dr. Albert Tritan, a dentist at the medical center, he and his sister, Jeanne, were searching for a suitable memorial when the sisters at St. Elizabeth told him about the painting.

"They indicated that they had this painting which depicted St. Elizabeth, the patron saint of the hospital," Tritan said. "It was in great disrepair and they knew it might be a sizable project to get it restored."

"They thought if we'd handle it, they would like to see it restored and placed in the hospital environment," he added.

Produced in the late 19th century, the painting depicts St. Elizabeth assisting



Dr. Albert Tritan, Sister Jerome Roberts, chapel curator, and Jeanette Tritan stand in front of the painting "St. Elizabeth Assisting the Needy" by Felix Schroder. The painting is located in the first-floor chapel at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

the needy was restored by Susan Wood of St. Louis.

"When I first received the painting, it suffered from three basic flaws," Wood said. "The varnish was discolored with embedded soot, there was generalized paint loss due to the canvas being rolled at one time and there were several tears in the canvas."

The restoration, which consisted of removing the soot, stabilizing the tears, repairing the flaking paint and lining the canvas with a piece of linen, took nearly two years and cost the Tritans more than \$4,500.

"The treatment greatly improved the appearance of the painting as well as stabilized the structural flaws," Wood said. "I hope that the hospital's patrons will

enjoy its presence for many years to come."

Patients and visitors of St. Elizabeth Medical Center are invited to visit the chapel and to share a quiet moment in the presence of a gift of love.

(Article was written by freelance writer Bob Fehring for the hospital's community relations department.)

## Science Camp registering youngsters in all four levels of this year's event

Space is still available in all four levels of this summer's Science Day Camp scheduled June 15-26 and July 6-17 on the campus of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. A \$195 fee for each session includes a \$25 nonrefundable

registration fee due with an application; the \$170 balance is due one week before a session begins.

Science Camp offers youth of all ability levels stimulating experiences in science. In all activities, the importance of

safe procedures and responsible conduct will be emphasized. Campers will be grouped by age and experience for highly individualized, hands-on instruction in science. Other recreational activities, such as swimming, tennis,

soccer, softball, and hiking, will also be available to camp participants.

For more information about scheduling, call the SIUE Office of Conferences and Institutes, (618) 650-2680; or (888) 328-5168, Ext. 2680.

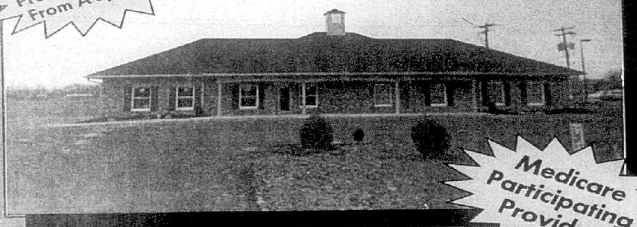
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## Keep down vacation expenses

According to the Automobile Association of America, more than 230 million Americans will be taking vacations this summer. AAA anticipates an increase in travel this year due to a healthy economy and lower gasoline prices.

However, even with a "healthy" national economy, most families need to establish a vacation budget to keep their own economies healthy.

Here are some pre-vacation spending tips for consumers from Victoria Jacobson, vice president and director of education for Consumer Credit Counseling Service of the Mississippi River Valley, a free budget and debt management service for consumers who are having financial difficulties.

— Set a limit on what you can afford to spend on your vacation before you make plans.

— Save, save, save. Put away a little each month from your paycheck or target a tax refund or bonus check.

— Compile a spending plan that includes major expenses like transportation, lodging and food. For a family of four, consisting of two adults and two children, plan on budgeting at least \$210 per day for lodging and meals, plus an additional \$10.80 per every 100 miles for gasoline, oil and general car maintenance, according to the AAA.

— Keep all but one major credit card at home. Use the one credit card only in emergencies. Many consumers charge their entire vacation on credit cards with little thought toward later repayment. Don't get caught in the "revolving door" of credit card debt.

— Keep track of spending so you don't run out of money.

— Purchase travelers checks with cash you have saved for your vacation fund. Save receipts and spending records so that you can review your budget accuracy.



## Eagles activities

At left: Pictured from left, front row, are: Carolyn Schaltenbrenner and Carol Madison of the Illinois Autism Center; and Eagles Auxiliary 1126 President Mildred Boyd. Back row: Charity chairwomen Joan Mezo and Mary Church. A check for \$3,300 was presented to the center at the May 12 Mother's Day Banquet at the Eagles Home. Above: Boyd stands with new member Juanita Spray, who was initiated into the Auxiliary at the banquet.

## Marriage Licenses

The following marriage licenses were issued through the St. Clair County Clerk's Office:

Brian D. Absher and Melissa A. Walsh, both of O'Fallon.

Mark Arcord of West Lafayette, Ind., and Jodi Carpenter of Belleville.

Jeffrey L. Anderson and Nancy J. Menochko, both of O'Fallon.

Orlando R. Armstrong Sr. of Alorton and Lovie L. Stevenson of East St. Louis.

Jeremy M. Bateman and Sharon K. Larkins, both of O'Fallon.

John E. Conner and Letitia R. Bright, both of Belleville.

Terry E. Crowmover of Belleville and Sonia V. Cooley of Duplo.

Alan D. Dasher and Lori A. Barrett, both of Belleville.

Chad B. Delering of Ashley and Jennifer L. Pochek of Caseyville.

Nick A. Dickhaut of Mascoutah and Kimberly S. Colburn of Belleville.

Jaime Durand and Sandra Irwin, both of Lebanon.

Juan Salinas Gonzalez and Maria J. Keel, both of Belleville.

Carlton F. Grandberry of St. Louis and Caroleene Y. Jones of Cahokia.

Eric Grimmer Jr. and Susan Buss, both of Swansea.

Ryan M. Gross and Stacey E. Stamper, both of O'Fallon.

Alvin L. Guiley of Desoto, Texas, and Fonda L. Clayborne of East St. Louis.

Joseph R. Hardimon of Belleville and Lisa M. Krauss of Swansea.

Darius A. Henderson and Annie M. Jackson, both of Washington Park.

Craig M. Hofmeister and Dawn R. Vahikamp, both of Swansea.

Isaac R. Hogan Jr. and Katherine L. Neubauer, both of St. Liberty.

Nathaniel W. Howell and Jessica R. Garter, both of Alorton.

Michael A. Kanak and Jaime B. Vazquez, both of Belleville.

Raymond A. Land and Arlene F. Guoch, both of Swansea.

Lester L. Lewis III of Ranton, Wash., and Delinas Y. Davis of Belleville.

Robert J. Lindauer of Smithton and Stephanie L. Niemeyer of Belleville.

Kevin P. Long of Cleveland, Tenn., and Donna M. Hults of Cahokia.

Kevin D. Loudon of Belleville and Tina M. Wells of Desoto, Mo.

Jeffery R. Lucia and Leslie J. Strubberg, both of Cahokia.

John P. Lynch and Ruth A. Lynch, both of Belleville.

Michael A. McQuitty and Jennifer A. Smallmon, both of Caseyville.

Jason C. Miller and Caren L. Barnes, both of Belleville.

Thomas L. Neal and Adele K. Ewell, both of Belleville.

Clarence B. O'Bryan III and Patricia A. Walker, both of Fairview Heights.

Whitney L. O'Daniel and Lisa A. Zaccagnini, both of Belleville.

Robert M. O'Shea and Dana L. Trowbridge, both of Mascoutah.

Jeffery A. Oaks and Ann M. Ley, both of Belleville.

Jeffrey J. Rodenmeyer of Fairview Heights and Nancy L. Liefer of Red Bud.

Scott A. Scharf and Valory A. Sullivan, both of Belleville.

Richard J. Scott and Ruth J. Morgan, both of Duplo.

Marous A. Smith of El Paso, Texas, and Katherine V. Paine of Belleville.

Luther W. Sturgill Jr. and Laurie Carpenter, both of Summerfield.

Michael A. Sudduth of Belleville and Jennifer A. Eatherton of St. Louis.

Robert S. Tedesco and Lori R. Main, both of Belleville.

Ritchie H. Victoria Sr. and Suzanne V. Schaefer, both of Belleville.

Eric B. Walker of O'Fallon and Julie A. Krug of Belleville.

Demetrius Walters of Grand Forks AFB, N.D., and Ladonna D. Jackson of Belleville.

John F. Yancey III and Diana M. Fetters, both of Belleville.

William H. Arguett and Joyce A. McConnell, both of Freeburg.

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David L. Collins of O'Fallon and Paula M. Isbill of Fairview Heights.

Clabon W. Epps Jr. and John Boyd, both of East St. Louis.

Christopher E. Halvorson and Anna M. Morris, both of Cahokia.

Pearl E. Hazelip of Collinsville and Carolyn E. Agnew of Belleville.

Walter O. James Jr. and Peggy A. Shramek, both of Swansea.

Robert A. Jones and Delisa A. Lee, both of Belleville.

Steven D. Kiah and Jennifer A. Harggi, both of Belleville.

Gregory F. Marin and Brenda B. Duncan, both of Mascoutah.

Javier A. Mexia and Sonia Reyes, both of Swansea.

Armando G. Montez and Maria D. Rubio, both of Collinsville.

Daniel D. Patterson of O'Fallon

and Ingrid C. Owens of Lebanon.

Anthony L. Prude Sr. of East St. Louis and Carla G. Russ of Cahokia.

James E. Richardson and Rochelle D. Ramsey, both of O'Fallon.

Shawn J. Ross and Tina L. Schwahn, both of Belleville.

Adam J. Sampson and Robin M. York, both of Fairview Heights.

David J. Schaltenbrenner and Carolyn S. Arnold, both of Swansea.

Michael J. Sellers of Belleville and Larrie L. Monkman of Ellis Grove.

Craig H. Stevens and Louann Griffin, both of East Carondelet.

Neal A. Trentman of Swansea and Jaime C. Reynolds of Balmir, Mo.

Thomas Vice Jr. and Raquel Veliz, both of Cahokia.

Larry B. Vick and Joan E. Tourjiglan, both of Belleville.

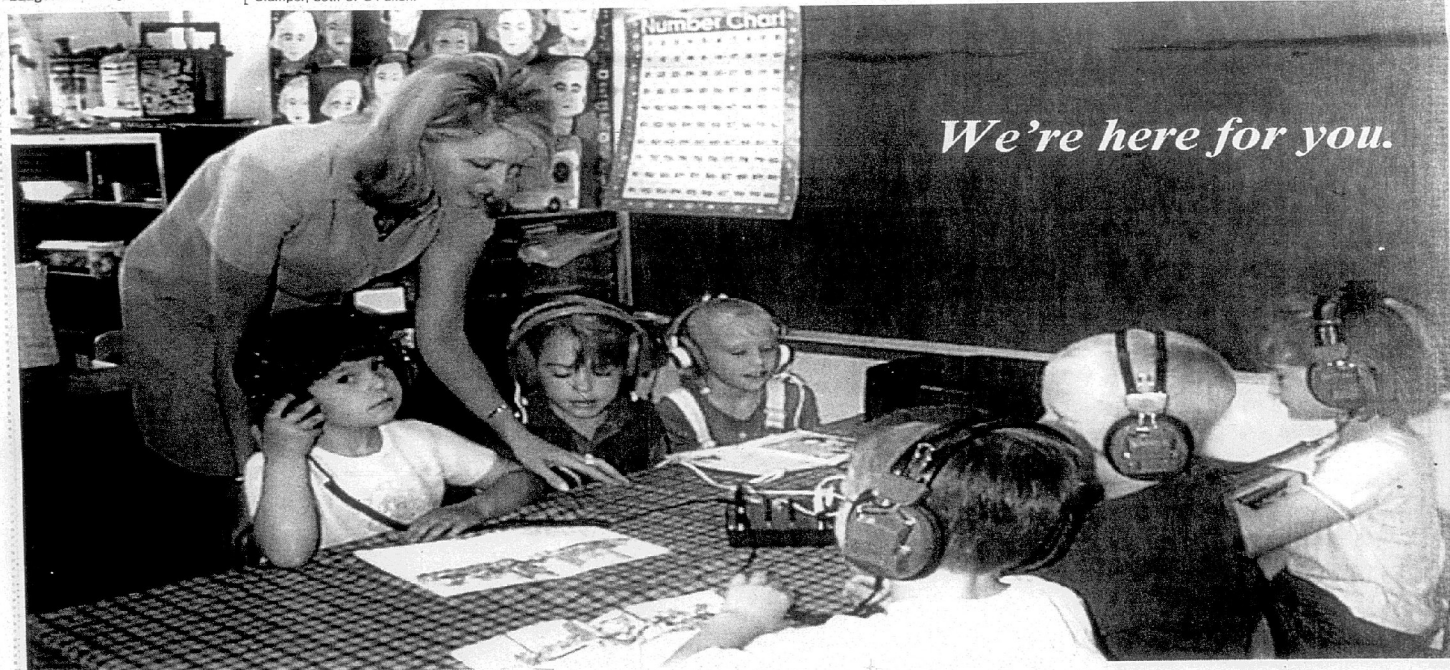
Leslie G. Whittaker and Sara E. Scannell, both of Belleville.

Ramone D. Williams and Teresa L. Manning, both of East St. Louis.

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## Special Deliveries

The following birth announcements recently were released by Memorial Hospital in Belleville:

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LaTasha Robinson of Cahokia, a girl.  
Shonda and Vincent Cobb of Swansea, a girl.

April 14  
Michelle DeRossett of O'Fallon, a girl.  
Melissa and Erik Siekmann of Glen Carbon, a boy.  
Amanda and John Guinn of Belleville, a girl.

April 16  
Sandra and Mark Kabureck of Lebanon, a boy.  
Malisa Grinston of Belleville, a girl.

Darlene and Henry Dahms of Belleville, a boy.  
April 17  
Karen and John Leadlove of Belleville, a boy.

Kathleen and David Noonan of Belleville, a girl.  
Kelly and Gary Kemper of Freeburg, a boy.

April 18  
Andree Jarrett of East Carondelet, a girl.  
Stacy Fillingim of East Carondelet, a girl.  
April 19  
Marcelia Hicks of Cahokia, a girl.

April 20  
Santina and Duane Stemmlay of Waterloo, a girl.  
Mary and William Begis Jr. of Cahokia, a boy.  
Linda Mitchell of Belleville, a girl.  
Christine and Keith McNelly of

Belleville, a girl.  
Michele and Kevin McDaniel of O'Fallon, a boy.

April 21  
Alicia and Daniel Bauer of Belleville, a girl.  
Tavonia Tillman of O'Fallon, a girl.

April 22  
Eva McDowell of Granite City, a girl.  
Kimberly Basden of Collinsville, a girl.  
Teresa and Daniel Harris of Belleville, a girl.

April 23  
Rita and Ryan Johnson of Lebanon, a boy.  
Barbara and Chad Bijarro of O'Fallon, a girl.  
Teresa and Warren Fehrenz of

Freeburg, a girl.  
Nicole Stewart of O'Fallon, a girl.  
Krystal Bostic of Cahokia, a boy.  
LaShonda Hill of Washington Park, a girl.

April 24  
Christine and Keith Howard of Belleville, a girl.  
Dawn Weller of Belleville, a boy.

April 25  
Kristine and Kent Heberer of Belleville, a girl.  
Teresa and Dean Huston of Freeburg, a girl.  
Brandi Staroba of Caseyville, a boy.

April 26  
Tina Hale of Swansea, a boy.  
Jamie and Steven Cobb of Smithton, a girl.  
Lea Hooker of Cahokia, a girl.

April 27  
Nicole Stokes of Cahokia, a girl.  
April 28  
April and Robert Johnson Sr. of Cahokia, a boy.  
Sandra and Bryan Skjetton of O'Fallon, a boy.  
Pamela and William Boker Jr. of

Shiloh, a boy.  
Renee Donato of O'Fallon, a girl.  
April 29  
Carla Dickerson of Alorton, a girl.  
Heath and Neil Lehr of Belleville, a girl.

April 30  
Caroline and Brian Dolron of Lenzburg, a boy.  
Tammy and Thomas Carpenter of Freeburg, a boy.

May 1  
Vera Poe of O'Fallon, a boy.  
Kelly Keel of Duplo, a girl.  
Julie and Darryl Malheerk of Belleville, a girl.

May 2  
Doris and Wayne Linker of Venedy, a girl.  
May 3  
Heather and Michael McKinney of Belleville, a boy.

May 4  
Christine and Jeff Detmer of Breese, a girl.  
Emily and Dwayne McCoy of Belleville, a boy.  
Christine Craft of Cahokia, a girl.  
Sharon Diggs of Centerville, a girl.

May 5  
Kara and Donald Williams of Trenton, a girl.

The following birth announcements recently were released by St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville:

April 23  
Danil and James Absher of Mascoutah, a girl.  
Latricia Harbour of East St. Louis, a girl.  
April 24  
Ellie King and Sean Lamber of Belleville, a boy.  
Monica and Craig Vannoy of Evansville, a girl.

April 25  
Dee and Jeff Bloomer of Belleville, a girl.  
Lisa and Mark Drury of New Heights, a boy.

April 27  
Crystal Lynch of Collinsville, a girl.  
April 28  
Michelle and Keith Richards of Mascoutah, a boy.

## Events calendar

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through the SUE Fine Arts box office, call 692-2774.

### History

A Civil War Family Campout is planned for June 13-14 at JEFFERSON BARRACKS NATIONAL PARK. Participants will actively take part in infantry, artillery and cavalry tactics. Ladies will learn about the

daily life of their great-grandparents, and children will learn what life was like for kids in the 1860s.

Participants under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult the entire weekend. Registration is \$20 per person. For an additional \$10, a family may use a tent provided by the park department. Food will be provided.

For more information, call (314) 544-5714.

Also, a Living History Summer Camp is set for 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 15-20 at Jefferson Barracks. Campers will experience the way

both soldiers and civilians lived in the 1860s.

Participants will sample such experiences as military drill, setting up camp, making period meals, candle making and cartridge making. A sleep-over is scheduled for Friday.

Admission is \$85 per child. Children must be between 9 to 15 years old. The sleepover requires parental supervision. Advanced registration is required. To register or for more information, call (314) 544-5714, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays.

## Clubs entertain variety of guests

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This event is held on the third Sunday of every year.

### Central Christian

On May 7, the women and girls of Central Christian Church and their friends were entertained at Ladies Night Out. A dinner of lasagna, salad and chesapeake was served by male members and friends of the church.

After the dinner, those attending moved to the sanctuary where a musical program was presented by a young couple from the Anchored Soul singing group.

Saturday is the date of the Christian Women's Fellowship's annual Strawberry Festival, scheduled from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the church.

2020 Johnson Road.

The public is invited to attend. The meal being served includes a sandwich, cole slaw, chips, strawberry shortcake with ice cream and a drink at \$3.50 per ticket for all ages. There will be a bakery, handmade items, plants and other gift items in the bazaar. A drawing will be held for the quilt made by Anna Osborn, a member of CWF, at the end of the day.

### Sons of the Revolution

Ronald F. Luebben of Granite City was the recipient of a Patriot Medal presented by the Illinois Society of the Sons of the American Revolution during its annual meeting in Springfield on May 9. The Patriot Medal is the highest award presented

by the Illinois Society, with only one or two being awarded annually. Luebben has 13 years of service as a member of the General George Rogers Clark Chapter of Madison County and the Illinois Society. During eight of those years, he served as Chairman of the Eagle Scout Committee for both the State Society and the Chapter. Luebben has had a lifelong commitment to Boy Scouting, holding numerous responsible leadership positions in the Trails West Boy Scout Council. Under his direction and active interest, the Illinois Society Eagle Scout Program continues to expand and to the support and guidance he has given to the local SAR chapters throughout Illinois.

Madison County recipients of other awards presented by the State Society were a Meritorious Service Medal to Charles S. Schweizer of Edwardsville and a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Harry K. Windland of Glen Carbon.

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**1** Q. Name the first American Figure Skater to win an Olympic Gold Medal?

A. \_\_\_\_\_

**2** Q. At what age did Alexei Urmanov win the Olympic Championship?

A. \_\_\_\_\_

**3** Q. Who is the current Ladies Olympic Champion that appears in Champion On Ice?

A. \_\_\_\_\_

**4** Q. How tall is Laurent Tobel, France's comedic genius and one of the tallest skaters in memory?

A. \_\_\_\_\_

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### KIDS ASK THE PLAYERS

Q. To: Royce Clayton  
From: Kevin Eric McMullen  
"What team did you start with?"

A. I was drafted by the SF Giants in 1988 and made my Major League debut in 1991. I played with the Giants through 1995 and was traded to St. Louis in 1996.

Q. To: Mark McGuire  
From: Curt Wadley  
"How does it feel to be a superstar?"

A. Being in the spotlight is very unique. I am thankful for my talents and appreciative of all the fans who recognize my work, but being in the limelight can be difficult because baseball is a team effort, not individual and being in the limelight inflates one's privacy.

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### WINNERS

Listed below are the winners of the "Take A Swing" contest.

Sara Bacon	Lucas Kamp
Brian Herman	Tyler Watkins
Kevin Bower	Joe Gaimch
Aaron Dye	Ryan Heber
Michael Roberty	David Edwards
Matt Jones	Jonathan Federhofer
David Mckiff	Joey Munno
Kathleen Schroder	Brent Chojnacki
Matthew Rivlin	Corey Johnson
Matt Fore	Nick Elliot
Kevin McMullen	Brittany Royceon
Cory Clayman	Kyle Gines
Chris Kille	

### Correct Answers from "Take A Swing"

The St. Louis Cardinals have played in 15 World Series.

They have won nine World Series.

Bob Gibson is the Cardinals' all-time leader in wins with 251.

Willie McGee returned to the birds after being traded away in 1990.



## Pilot program aims at demolishing abandoned homes in St. Clair County

By Cheryl A. Moody  
Staff writer

Washington Park may soon become the focus of a pilot program being designed to demolish derelict and abandoned homes throughout St. Clair County.

In a meeting last week at the county's health department, Washington Park Mayor Robert Moore told Paul Ruesch of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Chicago that there are around 350 homes to be demolished in Washington Park.

Moore said the city has been

working for the last two years to demolish homes as finances allow. He said the remnants of about 30 homes are still piled up on the ground.

"As we can afford Dumpsters, we haul them off," Moore said. "We slacked up on demolition because of the 30 on the ground."

Under the county's new home inspection program that began Jan. 1, the zoning department is in the process of identifying structures that need to be demolished.

Ruesch said that illegal dumping at derelict and abandoned homes creates additional problems.

"We need to identify properties that are clearly magnets for open dumping sites," Ruesch said.

Moore said he had requested local fire departments to use abandoned homes in Washington Park as training sites.

"The problem is the air quality is so poor because of the factories, we could only do two to three homes a year," Moore said.

The group, which consists of about 10 people, including St. Clair County Board member Frank Heiligenstein, also discussed ways to finance the

"We need to identify properties that are clearly magnets for open dumping sites."

Paul Ruesch  
EPA

project.

"Funding is available from the Federal level. I would like to match that with local money," Ruesch said. "If the Feds come in and put a lot of money into something and then walk away, it's not going to last."

Other financial support, such as grants and the use of in-kind services, was also discussed. Ruesch said he was looking at between \$50,000 and \$100,000 to get the project started.

To proceed with the project, plans are to send area mayor letters requesting documentation, including pictures, of abandoned homes. The group will meet within the next month or two to develop a plan, including a timeline and budget to get the structures torn down.

## Casino commission may now discipline boats in moats

By Barbara Ponder  
Staff writer

A Missouri Supreme Court ruling could pull the plug on the Riverport Casino Center and other casinos operating in artificial basins.

The court ruled Thursday the Missouri Gaming Commission can discipline casinos not operating directly on the Missouri or Mississippi rivers.

Representatives from both Harrah's and Players Island casinos in Riverport emphasized the ruling is only one step in a continuing legal and political process.

"We remain confident that we are operating in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Missouri Gaming Commission and the Supreme Court," Lisa Flores of Harrah's said in a prepared statement. "And we are looking forward to proving that when given the opportunity."

The Supreme Court's ruling will become final in less than two weeks.

"At some point after that the staff will prepare preliminary orders for discipline and that will set the process in motion," said Mel Fisher, acting director of the Missouri Gaming Commission.

A casino facing disciplinary action — revocation of its right to conduct games of chance including slot machines and roulette wheels — has 30 days to request a hearing before a commission hearing officer.

Games of skill — such as poker, blackjack and craps — would be unaffected.

The Missouri Supreme Court cast doubt on the legality of casinos operating in artificial basins in November 1997 when it found the state Constitution makes no provision for such facilities.

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Michael O'Brien  
Maryland Heights mayor

Casinos in St. Louis and Kansas City are conducting a petition drive to put an amendment to the Missouri Constitution on the November ballot. The amendment would allow for the operation of casinos in water-filled artificial spaces within 1,000 feet of the Missouri or Mississippi rivers.

Casino employees, like Tonya Hall of Harrah's St. Louis Riverport, are hoping voters will sanction the "boats in moats."

"Hall moved to St. Louis, seeking a better job opportunity at Harrah's. Now her daughter is established in school and has made friends here, Hall said.

"If the casinos close, I will have no job and no money," said Hall. "And I have a family to support."

Maryland Heights Mayor Michael O'Brien said casino closures would impact the city, which expects to receive \$10 million annually in revenues.

However, any closures would not derail Maryland Heights' goal of becoming a travel destination because the city already has attracted hotel and convention facilities.

"I just can't help but believe that good sense and logic will prevail in this," O'Brien said. "To close these things down right now would destroy logic."

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### Handy tips on the use of Garden Color from the experts

Want to make the most out of your garden? Who doesn't? A bright, colorful garden is a true delight, drawing rave reviews from one and all. What makes it beautiful is the color, and the proper use of color makes it even better.

We've all known that certain someone who knows color; what goes with this and that, what clashes, and what doesn't. This talent can make or break a garden. If you're not one with this particular talent and just toss color down anywhere, you can be missing out.

The color of your garden should complement the house, not clash with it. Those with gray or beige houses have things a little easier, since almost anything goes with them. But if your house is accented with colorful trim, things can get more tricky. You'll want appropriate colors in your garden. For example, red is a direct complement of green. Red geraniums will create a pleasing effect with a green house.

There are four groups of colors. They are analogous, complementary, triadic and monochromatic. Purchasing a color wheel will give you a better idea of all this, since it's tough to describe color accurately in black and white type. Reading around a basic color wheel, the colors go from red to orange to yellow to green to blue to violet and back to red.

An analogous color scheme uses colors that are next to each other on the color wheel. For an analogous harmony, you can start anywhere on the color wheel and go forward or backward to get a harmonious scheme.

A complementary color scheme uses colors that are directly opposite each other on the color wheel. For example red and green, orange and blue. Some very striking uses of color can be made with complements.

An unusual, but very attractive idea is to use three colors that are of equal distance from each other on the wheel. For example, yellow, red and blue form a triadic

harmony. This color scheme will give you more color and the opportunity to have a greater variety of plants.

A monochromatic color scheme means that all the flowers are the same color or lighter and/or darker shades of the same color. Examples are red, pink and burgundy impatiens.

It's a well-known fact that colors affect people in different ways. Red and yellow are considered attention-getters and they usually get it. Flashing red lights are always noticed. Ever see a fire truck that's not red or yellow?

Yellow is a good color for caution areas, such as garden borders. Whenever you want anything to stand out, pick yellow, it usually works.

For a calming color, the vast majority vote for blue. Using blue in the garden can create a restful, peaceful oasis from the everyday world. It's also a great accent color with bright pink or yellow and is a direct complement of orange.

Green is considered restful to the eyes. Allowing plenty of foliage to be seen and admired is very beneficial to any garden.

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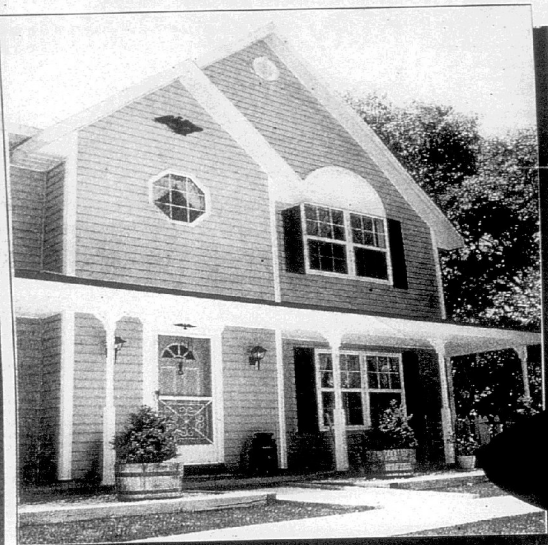
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## Envoy GMC Envoy is loaded with luxury

By Tom Strongman

Even though most sport-utility vehicles are based on trucks, some of the hottest sellers rival luxury sedans in terms of equipment and features.

To test the waters for an upscale version of the Jimmy, GMC debuted the Envoy last year at the Chicago Auto Show. Now it's in production with a mission: Establish GMC as a builder of premium sport-utility vehicles and grab a piece of the luxury pie. It has a big brother, the Denali, built on the Yukon.

The Envoy is a dolled up Jimmy with a host of amenities, such as leather upholstery, wood trim, premium stereo and a distinct exterior featuring High-Intensity Discharge headlights, chrome wheels and a monotone paint job that highlights simplified lower body cladding.

The result is comfortable and cushy, less truck-like than its overall look would suggest. The price is a hefty \$34,135, although everything but a power sun roof (\$695) is standard.

The two-tone, glove-soft leather upholstery and Zebrano wood trim create a refined and luxurious atmosphere. The seats are wide and plush, and the dash surface looks like leather even though it isn't. Chrome door handles look elegant, but felt unfinished on the back where your

fingers touch.

The Bose stereo has superb sound quality. Rear-seat audio controls enable passengers to listen to CDs with earphones while those in front listen to the radio. This is a welcome touch for families with teenagers.

Almost everything throughout the interior has been spiffed up. A six-disc CD changer is integrated into the console to facilitate loading music without having to go around to the back of the vehicle. A 12-volt power outlet as well as one for the on-board air compressor are located in the cargo bay. Both are great for active folks who need to pump up soccer balls or bike tires at the park.

A pull-out cover is built into the side of the cargo space so luggage or other items can be concealed. By building this shade into the side panel, it doesn't have to be removed when you want to fold down the back seat to carry stuff. Good thinking. A removable cargo net keeps small items from rolling around in back, too.

The overhead console has a trip computer as well as a HomeLink transmitter for garage doors and security gates.

Often, folding down the back seat of a SUV requires too much work, but the Envoy is an exception. In one simple motion, the back seat tumbles forward, the head rest folds down and you have a flat floor in seconds.

In keeping with the luxury nature of this vehicle, GMC's Premium Smooth Ride suspension package is specified, and it does a good job of softening the blows of bumps while providing a car-like ride.

Rear air shocks automatically raise and lower the vehicle according to load or towing requirements. They are the reason there is an air-compressor outlet in the cargo bay.

The 4.3-liter, V-6 Vortec engine is unchanged from other Jimmys. The engine is capable of pulling a 5,000-pound trailer.

Four-wheel-drive is engaged with buttons on the dash rather than a floor-mounted shift lever.

OnStar, GM's communication system, is a dealer-installed option that uses a Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) and a hands-free cellular phone to track and monitor the vehicle as well as provide a variety of services, including getting help in the event of an accident.

Given the city use of most sport-utilities, the Envoy makes sense. Not only does it ride smoothly, but it surrounds its passengers with oodles of comfort, good sound and all the requisite power options.

The base price is \$34,135. The only option, a power sun roof, brought the sticker of our test vehicle to \$35,345. The standard warranty is for three years or 36,000 miles.

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4.3-liter, V-6

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### Wheelbase:

107 inches

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## Points & Plugs

### "Sport wagons" could be next automotive trend

By Rick Stoff

Want to look really, really cool? Start the next road trend by buying a "sport wagon."

Sport wagons could be the next big thing in the automotive business, bumping the sport-utility vehicle off the trend throne, predicts the trade publication Automotive News. The magazine says the Subaru Legacy Outback and Lexus RX300 are just the first soldiers in the next century's auto sales offensive.

Why? Because sport wagons "blend the most desirable attributes of cars and light trucks." The magazine quotes an industry executive who thinks today's buyers love the image and sportiness of sport-utility vehicles but don't care for the fuel economy and handling of a truck-like vehicle.

Have you tried to replace or repair anything electrical in a new car lately? Well, it's going to become even more difficult.

General Motors says a current luxury car, such as an Oldsmobile Aurora, has so many electronic gadgets that it requires about a mile of wiring weighing 65 pounds. A solution, being pursued by Motorola, is the use of micro-processors to "multiplex" wires. That means one wire can be used to serve numerous accessories.

We may have performed our final stereo upgrades. While manufacturers of passenger cars are trying to eliminate weight in electrical components, a race-car builder is putting more weight into its LeMans sports car.

The \$1-million Panof Q9 may or may not have a chance at qualifying for the 24 Hours of LeMans this summer. It carries a 6.0-liter Ford V-8 engine plus an electric motor and 300 pounds of nickel-metal hydride batteries.

The extra equipment adds 205 pounds to the car, which amounts to at least a 10-percent weight penalty in the realm of prototype sports car racing. But the combination of the big gasoline engine and 130-horsepower electric motor are expected to produce a total of 730 horses, enabling the car to go two seconds per lap faster than a similar car with only the engine.

Don't forget to take extra batteries.

Viewed in retrospect, riding in an old Volkswagen Beetle was about as safe as rolling down a highway entrance ramp in a garbage can. Sure the car was cheap, but all that separated us from the cars in the next lane was a thin clear coat built from thin, rapidly rusting steel.

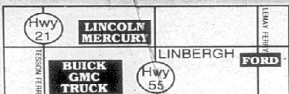
The new Beetle, however, might be one of the safest small cars ever built. In recent crash tests, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety rated the '98 Beetle "better than average," quite an accomplishment for a vehicle in the smaller-than-an-Army tank size class.

Tulsa, Okla., has buried a Plymouth Prowler in a time capsule that will be opened in 2948. The Prowler actually serves as a sort of time-in, since the city buried a Plymouth Belvedere in 1957 that it plans to dig up in 2007.

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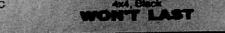
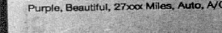
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
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# Becoming Eagle Scouts is a family affair

Brothers have earned 25-plus merit badges each

By LaRita Marie Heet  
Correspondent

For David and Joshua Leeds, Scouting is a way of life and has been for as long as they can remember.

Their respective careers in Scouting will reach their peak Wednesday when David, 18, and Joshua, 15, each is to be presented with the highest honor in Boy Scouts — the Eagle Scout award.

While the honor of the Eagle Scout award is nice, David said, its value lies in his entire Boy Scout career.

"It's the whole experience of it," David said. "How can you put nine years into words? That's worth a lot to me — I grew up in Boy Scouts."

Joshua also grew up as a Scout. "I started in kindergarten as a Cub Scout," Joshua said.

The family lives in Creve Coeur. David joined Scouts in Westfield, N.J., and continued on when he was a Cub Scout in Littleton, Colo. As a member of the highly regarded Order of the Arrow, he has earned 29 merit badges, including those for Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the World, Emergency Preparedness, Forestry and Environmental Science.

He has traveled to Boundary Waters, Minn., as well as to Sea Base, Fla., and to summer camps in Missouri, Colorado and Kentucky. David just graduated from Parkway Central High School and is planning to attend Colorado State University in Fort Collins this fall.

Joshua joined Scouts in Littleton and also has traveled to Boundary Waters, Sea Base and summer camps in Missouri, Colorado and Kentucky.

He has earned 27 merit badges, including ones for Indian Lore, Citizenship in the Nation, Wilderness Survival, Space Exploration, Reptile and Amphibian, and First Aid. He is finishing his freshman year at Parkway

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Central High School.

"My favorite part of it all is the camping. I really like the outdoors and being with my friends," said Joshua, who has also earned the World Conservation award and a White House environmental protection commendation. Both Joshua and David feel they've learned valuable lessons from Boy Scouts.

"I've learned leadership," David said. "The Boy Scouts taught me how to take control of situations. I see this (quality) in other Scouts, too. You can just tell from the way they carry themselves."

Josh agreed. "Boy Scouts teaches you how to act respectfully and how to manage others," he said. "It also gives you confidence in yourself."

Linda and Rick Leeds, the boys' parents, have always played an active role in the Scouting program.

"I was a Cub leader for seven years and have always helped in general," Linda said. "Their father has been really active in Scouts, too. We're so thrilled we've been able to see them do this together."

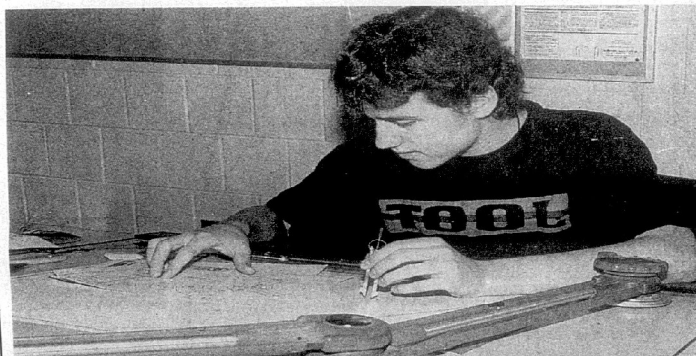
Only 2 percent of those entering Boy Scouts ever become Eagle Scouts, she said. The program has helped her sons gain self-confidence.

"This confidence comes from each level they've mastered and skills they've tried," Linda said. "They are able to speak in front of people. The Boy Scouts has done this for them."

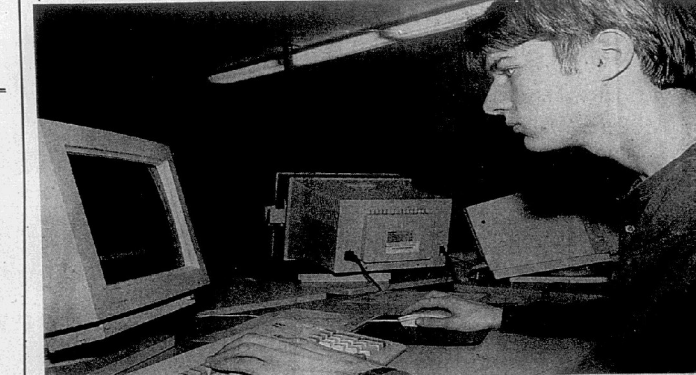


## Drafters

Jim Sodam, above, a senior at Freeburg High School, won second-place award for the computer-aided drafting/machine portion of the 21st annual Illinois Drafting Educators Association high school drafting competition, recently hosted by Belleville Area College. At right, Jeremy Cox of Waterloo, also a student at Freeburg, participates in the machine board portion. Below, Freeburg student Charles Enrico also participates in the machine board section.



Freeburg junior Kyle Biermann, above, won the second-place award for the computer-aided drafting/architectural portion. Below, Nathan Lubarda, who also attends Freeburg, participates in the computer-aided drafting/machine portion.



Amanda Doyle photos

# Music director retires

Lindbergh teacher moves on after 41 years

By Jim Merkel  
Staff writer

Bob Tobler has played in back-up bands for Frank Sinatra and Elvis Presley, and in Muni Opera and Fox Theatre orchestras for Red Skelton and Bob Hope.

For all of that, Tobler says some of the finest people he has encountered are the administrators, community, staff, parents and students of the Lindbergh School District in Missouri.

Tobler, who is retiring as band teacher and director of music for the Lindbergh district at the end of the school year, says that's why he has stayed with Lindbergh for 41 years.

"I've bought three homes in the district and raised three kids in the district," Tobler, 63, said. "I've had chances to move on."

But when Tobler looked at the support he was receiving at Lindbergh, he decided he had to stay.

Tobler, who was recognized at a reception in his honor at Lindbergh High School on May 27, plans to continue his second career following his retirement, that of a professional musician.

He will continue his work as co-personnel director for the Muni Opera Orchestra and co-contractor for the Fox Theatre Orchestra, and teaching applied music (lower brass) at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

That work represents the second career Tobler has had through the years, as he tried to raise the money needed to allow his wife, Pat, to stay home and raise their three children.

"I was working night and

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Bob Tobler

day, virtually, to make it happen," Tobler said.

Before he was hired by the Lindbergh District as co-band director in 1957, Tobler did substitute work with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra in college and had a chance to play trombone full-time for the symphony.

"I opted to go into education. I'm glad I did," Tobler said. "I never put myself in that position that I had to support the family from the music business."

A graduate of Beaumont High School, Tobler had a chance to taste life as a professional musician while he attended Washington University.

In addition to his substitute work for the St. Louis Symphony, Tobler played at the Chase-Park Plaza Hotel and on the Admiral when it made excursions down the Mississippi River. He also wrote two method books for Mel Bay Publishing and was involved in music recording.

At the time Tobler went to work for the Lindbergh District, he could have chosen instead to work for the University City School District, which was one of the leading cultural centers in the county.

His mentors at Washington University instead encouraged him to sign at Lindbergh even though the district was just starting.

"They recommended Lindbergh as being one of the up-and-coming areas," Tobler said.

When he came to the district, Tobler was in charge of the brass, and the other co-music director was in charge of woodwinds.

There was no one in charge of strings and no marching band. The two co-directors were in charge of the concert, junior high and elementary school band programs.

"As things grew, we had to increase the teaching staff to accommodate enrollment," Tobler said. Today, there are six instrumental music teachers including Tobler, and Lindbergh has one of the premier music programs in the state.

More recently, the string program at Lindbergh has taken off under the leadership of Sue Rola. Today, the strings program includes the high school Strolling Strings, a group that strolls as it plays and the middle school Fiddlers.

Tobler said the administration, community and school board have been extremely supportive of the arts.

"In a lot of districts, the arts are not considered that important," Tobler said. "It's because of that that we've always had good music programs."

# Muni musician has played for Sinatra, Elvis

By Jim Merkel  
Staff writer

When the Lindbergh High School Spirit of St. Louis Marching Band went to the Paris Air Show last year, one person who didn't go was Robert Tobler.

Tobler would have loved to attend. But the obligation of his second career prevented him; Tobler is the co-personnel director for the Muni Opera Association and is also a musician at the Muni.

As such, he has had to rehearse for the next show while playing in the current show, in all kinds of weather.

Tobler recalls that when Debbie Reynolds was at the Muni, she insisted she would perform through a rain storm, until one little incident.

"A bolt of lightning shot out of one of these amps. She said 'Good night, folks, that's it.'"

Tobler also recalls playing in backup bands for Frank Sinatra and the Rat Pack and for Elvis Presley when those performers came to town. He remembers Elvis coming up to him at the old Kiel Auditorium and saying, "Have we got a good crowd tonight?"

While Tobler said it was a thrill to play for the stars, two of the people he has enjoyed playing with most are his two sons, Randy and Jeff.

Randy Tobler, an obstetrician/gynecologist, plays the trombone, occasionally professionally. Jeff Tobler, president of a graphic arts business, plays the trumpet and is leader of Phoenix, a dance band.

Robert, Jeff and Randy played together at St. Louis football Cardinals games for many years until the team moved out of St. Louis. His daughter, Lisa Foshee of Dallas, also plays the violin.